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Prices and Prospects.

THE COKE MARKET THE STRONGEST IN SEVERAL MONTHS

Increased Merchant Coke Business Now in Sight.

CONTRACT QUOTATIONS STIFFER

Last Half Held Firmly at $1 75 Ton Pittsburg Pig Iron Halting, but Position of Finished Steel Trade is Reported to be Much Better

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURG, April 14.—The general tone of the Connellsville coke market has shown some further improvement since that reported a week ago and the feeling in trade circles generally is that the outlook is better than it has been at any time for three months. While this is not saying a great deal it is recognized that it necessarily takes time for serious and important improvement to occur. In February the coke market was in such condition that the operators who had made contracts in December felt better than those who had refused the contracts believing at the time that within a couple of months or so the market would be alone in the favor of sellers.

Following the report of a week ago that the general tone of the coke market was stronger on account of better prospects in the iron trade came the monthly chart report of the Iron Age showing that in March the merchant furnaces turned out pig iron at a rate nearly 1,000 tons a day in excess of the low rate that had been maintained without appreciable change during the four preceding months while the number of merchant stacks blown in late in March and in the first few days of April indicated that this month's merchant furnace pig iron production would be at a rate of about 2,000 tons above March making a total increase in the merchant furnace output of about 3,000 tons a day involving the consumption of 2,000 tons a week more of furnace coke than prior to the period in which this production came from the Connellsville region. The furnaces have likewise shown an increase in pig iron output that this involves, hardly the case of late new coke.

Prompt furnace coke has continued to sell at the slightly better prices reported a week ago while quotations as to contracts are somewhat stiffer and the whole market can be reported as relatively strong at the following prices:

Prompt furnace	$1 65@$1 75
Contract furnace, April	1 65@1 75
Contract furnace, balance to Dec.	1 75
Prompt foundry	$2 00@2 25
Contract foundry	2 00@2 25

The local pig iron market has failed thus far to show any decided improvement and in some quarters the general tone is regarded as a little weaker, being affected by the continued failure of large consumers to enter into fresh contracts as their old contracts reach the expiring point. Nothing has occurred however to show that prices are probably lower and the market remains quotable on the following basis: Bessemer, $13 60 Basic, $13 50. No. 2 Foundry, $12 75 to $13. Gray Forge, $13 50. Gray Forge, $13 75 all at Valley furnaces, 50 cents higher delivered Pittsburg.

While pig iron has shown no improvement the general position of the finished steel trade is regarded as better. The mills are well supplied with orders to continue operating at the present rate of about 70% of capacity taking the industry as a whole while the Pittsburg mills are operating at full time and the Youngstown mills at 60 to 70% of capacity.

BOOSTS EXPORT TRADE

B. & O. Sends Valuable Booklet to Coal Shippers of System

With a view to encouraging the exportation of coal from the United States and pointing out the opportunities for extending this trade as a result of the European War an article summarizing the world's coal industry and issued by the National City Bank of New York is being distributed by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad to producers whose mines are reached by the lines of this company. The pamphlet is replete with the latest available statistics of production and consumption, exportation and importation of coal by the principal countries of the world and in the form in which it is prepared it comprises a valuable handbook of the coal and coke trade reference.

The pamphlet shows a striking war boom demands upon the coal industry as well as the destruction of commerce and financial losses which the countries at war have suffered through the interruption of the coal trade which temporarily at least has withdrawn a vast tonnage from commerce.

Joins Rainey Forces

Richard Peters, Jr., resigned his position as sales agent of the Producers Coke Company and on April 1 became assistant to the general manager of W. J. Rainey at New York. Mr. Peters is well known in the coke trade with which he has been identified actively for several years.

STEEL MILLS OPERATING 70% OF THEIR CAPACITY

Export Business Big and if Railroad and Structural Orders Were In the Boom Would be On

Special to The Weekly Courier.

NEW YORK, April 14.—The American Metal Market and Iron & Steel Report will review the iron and steel trade tomorrow as follows:

The steel price situation is being cleared up by evidence that the eastern mills are holding up on the Pittsburg basis for bars, plates and shapes recently shaded by the Ohio & western mills. The reminder of the finished steel list had offered no complications. Very few orders are coming in on the nominal prices but such a condition is seasonal in the second quarter.

The Steel Corporation's unfilled obligations including orders is still to be specified, was surprised the majority of the trade. There were important gains in March, first but it was not a time for contracting in certain seasonal lines, conspicuous among these being wire products and tin plates.

The export business continues to run large. Looking ahead, one sees being in a position to handle the rest of November and December. Shipments can be made export should now be running at more than 60,000 tons a month while the 327,000 in the four months ending January the last month reported on averaged a shade under 140,000 tons a month. Excellent prices can not be obtained on export, well above prices realized on current shipments to the domestic trade. In the case of many war orders delivery and quality not price is the object.

In some quarters a promising sign is observed in the only spurts for new construction involving structural material in particular. In the steel improvement of the last few months railroad material and structural material has been the conspicuous gainer. The steel trade is operating at 70% of capacity and this has furnished clear proof of its ability to supply the demand if a condition of full activity should develop. Let railroad business come back in a big way and structurals will have to share with the rest of the industry the burden of supplying the steel requirements of the country. The steel trade is ready for the business.

PIG IRON STRONGER

Gain From Low Point to Date Has Been $3 Per Ton

The more settled and more confident tone in the pig iron market is evidenced by the fact that the furnaces are holding up on the Lake Pittsburg basis for bars, plates and shapes recently shaded by the Ohio & western mills. The reminder of the finished steel list had offered no complications. Very few orders are coming in on the nominal prices but such a condition is seasonal in the second quarter.

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Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION	WEEK ENDING APRIL 10, 1915				WEEK ENDING APRIL 3, 1915			
DISTRICT	Ovens In	Ovens Out	Tons		Ovens In	Ovens Out	Tons	
Connellsville	20,810	12,171	8,667	157,910	20,810	12,171	8,667	150,929
Lower Connellsville	17,270	9,583	7,687	141,305	17,270	9,543	7,727	130,22[illegible]
Totals	38,110	21,756	16,354	299,215	38,110	21,716	16,394	281,151
BEEHIVE OVENS								
Connellsville	16,637	9,965	6,672	127,905	16,637	9,965	6,672	120,519
Lower Connellsville	5,552	3,810	1,742	19,010	5,552	3,810	1,742	17,572
Totals	22,189	13,775	8,414	146,915	22,189	13,775	8,414	138,121
MERCHANT OVENS								
Connellsville	4,205	2,208	1,997	9,005	4,205	2,208	1,997	10,380
Lower Connellsville	11,718	7,773	3,945	85,295	11,718	7,773	3,945	82,770
Totals	15,923	9,981	5,942	94,300	15,923	9,981	5,942	93,150

SHIPMENTS	WEEK ENDING APRIL 10, 1915	WEEK ENDING APRIL 3, 1915
To Pittsburg	2,601 Cars	2,809 Cars
To Points West of Pittsburg	4,[illegible] Cars	4,180 Cars
To Points East in the Region	828 Cars	832 Cars
Totals	7,752 Cars	7,821 Cars

Production and Output.

THE UPPER CONNELLSVILLE AND GREENSBURG REGIONS

Show a Combined Output of 35,000 Tons Being 2,000 Tons Less than Previous Week

The Upper Connellsville district, including Connellsville coke regions, showed a combined decrease of 1,000 tons in coke production as compared with the previous week, the Greensburg district showing a decrease of 1,000 tons. The production in the Upper Connellsville district was as follows:

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

COAL TAX WOULD BE BIG HANDICAP TO THE INDUSTRY

Governor's Suggestion Recalls Agitation 70 Years Ago.

MANY OBJECTIONS ARE RAISED

Constitutionality of Tax Now Levied Against Anthracite is Raised and Legality of Such Tax Questioned, West Virginia Rejected Proposal

The tentative suggestion of Governor Brumbaugh for a tax upon bituminous coal has not taken the form of legislation and probably will not for the reason that Pennsylvania cannot afford to handicap one of her greatest industries in such a manner. The proposition was made in West Virginia and met with the same response there. While that state is in a bad way for money to meet the ordinary expenses of government it was not decreed wise to tax its bituminous coal.

Pennsylvania therefore excepts anthracite coal but the wisdom and propriety of this tax is still a matter of doubt. The only tax use offered for it was that Pennsylvania anthracite has no competition and the tax would consequently be passed on to the consumers most of whom were non-residents of the state. This tax was adopted as early as 1842. In the Harrisburg Telegraph the Pottsville geologist furnishes us a copy of a letter written November 21, 1842, by Hon. J. W. Hughes, former Attorney General of Pennsylvania to Governor David R. Porter. The letter says as follows:

"Some years ago I entertained a many person in this state that you will recommend in your message at the opening of your next legislature a tax upon coal. It may be that these views are groundless. I hope it is so. I would admonish you against this measure. If you have adopted it. The tax may not stand the objections to it. Is it Constitutional? Do such a measure not lay a tax upon exports.

"Would not this tax be strongly objected to by consumers in other states and would it not afford good ground for appeal to Congress to repeal the discriminating duty? Is important to the success of the coal trade of Pennsylvania. Would not this tax be partial and unjust in its operation? Will what will be the effect of this tax would it not lessen the consumption of our coal? Would it not be a tax upon a staple? Would it not be a tax upon the poor? Would it not be a tax upon the rich? Would it not be a tax upon the middle class? Would it not be a tax upon the laborer? Would it not be a tax upon the capitalist? Would it not be a tax upon the merchant? Would it not be a tax upon the manufacturer? Would it not be a tax upon the farmer? Would it not be a tax upon the mechanic? Would it not be a tax upon the professional man? Would it not be a tax upon the clergyman? Would it not be a tax upon the lawyer? Would it not be a tax upon the doctor? Would it not be a tax upon the teacher? Would it not be a tax upon the student? Would it not be a tax upon the child? Would it not be a tax upon the woman? Would it not be a tax upon the man? Would it not be a tax upon the people? Would it not be a tax upon the nation? Would it not be a tax upon the world? Would it not be a tax upon the universe? Would it not be a tax upon the infinite? Would it not be a tax upon the eternal? Would it not be a tax upon the absolute? Would it not be a tax upon the perfect? Would it not be a tax upon the God? Would it not be a tax upon the Deity? Would it not be a tax upon the Supreme? Would it not be a tax upon the Infinite? Would it not be a tax upon the Eternal? Would it not be a tax upon the Absolute? Would it not be a tax upon the

40,000,000 TONS YEAR'S LIMIT FOR PIG IRON OUTPUT

This Could be Reached Only if Material and Labor Are Available.

AVERAGE NOW IS NOT HIGH

Trade Paper Estimates That Steel Works Stacks are Running 75 Per Cent Capacity and Merchant Furnaces 58 Per Cent May be Boom

Almost any estimate of the country's pig iron producing capacity between 35 000 000 and 40 000 000 tons a year would be correct if interpreted according to selected conditions says the American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report To produce 40 000 000 tons of pig iron in a year would require such large supplies of coke ore limestone and labor that it might be impossible to find such supplies and it would require the operation of some furnaces that gave high production costs even if given relatively cheap supplies of raw material Fancy prices would have to be obtained for the product of some of these furnaces could not operate except at great loss The commercial capacity then would be less than the physical capacity but one cannot apply this principle too far since a strict application of it would make the commercial capacity at any time equal to the actual producing rate If the capacity is greater why is not the pig iron made? Simply because it would have to be sold at a loss

Applying some sort of a rule of reason to the case our estimate is that under fairly conceivable favorable circumstances the capacity of the steel works blast furnaces is 70 000 tons a day and that of the coke and anthracite blast furnaces 31 000 tons a day making 37 000 000 tons a year plus say 400 000 tons of charcoal iron

As to 70 000 tons a day for the steel works it is to be noted that according to the Iron Age report at the time the steel works furnaces produced 64 858 tons a day in April 1913 the maximum ever shown At that time there were a few steel works furnaces idle that might have been operated It was also true we think that in the preceding period of idleness there had been wholesale relining and refurnishing of furnaces so that the rate may have been in some respects above what could be maintained indefinitely Furthermore there has been a little rebuilding and improvement work whereby the total capacity is probably slightly above what it was two years ago

As to the merchant furnaces 31 000 tons daily is to be taken in the light of the fact that the maximum recorded production was 28 364 tons daily in February 1913 at a time when there were many idle furnaces The price of pig iron itself was high enough to our composite standard of over $17 but some of the furnaces had not sold when iron was being bought and iron was not available at the moment to any extent The ore price for the 1913 season represented over 50 cents advance from 1912 and Connellsville furnace coke for prompt shipment had been up to $3 Therefore 31 000 tons a day for the merchant furnaces is easily possible so far as furnace capacity is concerned but it is quite unprovable because before the furnaces got to making at that rate something would go wrong

We estimate the rate of production at the moment at 2 500 tons daily for the steel works or 75 per cent of our capacity estimate and 18 000 tons daily or the merchant furnaces or 58 *per cent of our capacity example*

We estimate the production of steel ingots now at 70 per cent of capacity The difference between 75 per cent pig iron and 70 per cent steel indicates what everybody knows that if all the steel works attempted to operate full some of them would have to buy merchant pig iron Should general iron and steel demand in some future time experience a great increase very interesting developments would occur The foundries might call for much more pig iron before the steel works entered the market Long before the merchant furnaces were making 31 000 tons of pig iron a day probably before they reached 25 000 tons there would be developments in coke perhaps in ore that would send pig iron prices up even though the margin to the blast furnace were not greatly increased

DYES NEEDED BADLY

Artificial Substances Must Replace German Product

WASHINGTON April 9—American chemical companies are bending every effort toward supplying textile mills and other industries using artificial dyes with home products to replace German dyestuffs shut off by the European War Reports to the Department of Commerce made public today show that at least six plants are in course of construction for the manufacture of the coal tar derivatives upon which the colors used in cloth manufacture varnishes and other products are based

A report of the dyestuff situation called for by a resolution of Congress was given out today by the department It was compiled by Thomas H Norton a commercial agent of the department Mr Norton estimates that American coke ovens are wasting annually $100 000 000 in by products that could be saved and employed in other industries it having been preferred heretofore to depend upon German chemicals rather than develop an American dyestuff supply *The American coke industry* the report states could produce 20 times as much coal tar as the world needs for dyes

138 Die in Jap Coal Mine

TOKIO Japan April 13—A fatal accident in a coal mine near Shimonoseki has resulted in the loss of 138 lives according to information received in Tokio this evening

LIEUT. FITCH DIES

Retired Naval Officer Organized Many Wire Companies

Lieutenant Thomas William Fitch aged 79 who helped organize many of the steel and wire companies in this section the Pittsburg District has his home in Brooklyn N Y He had been a lieutenant in the United States Navy but retired many years ago and entered the wire business in St Louis He remained there for some time but came to Pittsburg about 25 years ago

He was one of the founders of the Consolidated Steel & Wire Company of Pittsburg and was general manager of that company which later became part of the American Steel & Wire Company Mr Fitch then organized the Pittsburg Wire Company with Thomas Walker now of Pittsburg James A Farrell now president of the United States Steel Corporation was employed by them as salesman This company also became a portion of the American Steel & Wire Company and Lieutenant Fitch then helped organize the Pittsburg Shafting Company which was purchased later by the Columbia Bridge Company now the Columbia Steel & Shafting Company

Lieutenant Fitch was for some time president of the shafting company He was instrumental in the formation of the Griswold Wire Company in Braddock and of the Braddock Machine Company His widow who was Miss Minnie S Fitch was a daughter of General W T Sherman Mr Fitch left Pittsburg about two years ago for Brooklyn where he had since resided Two sons Thomas W Fitch Jr of Sewickley and William Sherman Fitch now of New Mexico and two daughters Mrs Mark Armsted of New Bethlehem Pa and Miss Eleanor Fitch survive

TO PROTECT MINERS

Compensation Bill Will Affect Coal Diggers

HARRISBURG April 9—An understanding was reached yesterday in the Senate under which the 100 000 anthracite miners are to be brought within the scope of the workmen's compensation act It is probable an effort will be made to reach a similar understanding with respect to the 400 000 soft coal diggers

Senators Catlin and McNichol who have been leading the fight for the miners were ready yesterday for a great battle with Senator Thompson chairman of the mines and mining committee and then an agreement was made that the emasculated Catlin bill be amended so as to include the miners in the compensation act Therefore the bill which was up for final passage was again sent back to the mines and mining committee It is understood it will be amended and reported out for a vote next Tuesday

MAKES A RECORD

B & O Southwestern Accommodation Runs 411 Days on Time

Passenger train No 5 between Cincinnati North Vernon and New Albany Ind on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern railroad has now been in service for 411 days without a failure to reach its destination from both directions since March 3 1913 It has not failed of 411 days but it was only for approximately 300 days miles and filling an accommodation made twenty seven intermediate stops between terminals and made a schedule of 27 miles an hour *including stops on the* 87-mile run The train was required to meet several other passenger trains on the schedule as well as the regular freight traffic on the division

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ENGINEER DROPS DEAD

West Penn Man Succumbs After Attending Prize Fight

PITTSBURG April 10—After he walked from the Ellsworth avenue entrance of Duquesne Gardens where he had witnessed a boxing match between Johnny Dundee and Abe Rosenberg Jacob M Balsbaugh aged 45 civil engineer and district manager of the construction department of the Western Pennsylvania Water Company fell to the street unconscious

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The Lower Connellsville District

With Their Owners Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, April 10, 1915.

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operators	P O Address
40		Adah	Adah Coke Company	Uniontown
400	400	Alicia	W Harry Brown	Alicia Fay Co
200	200	Allison No 1	W J Rainey	New York
200	100	Allison No 2	W J Rainey	New York
142		American No 1	American Coke & Coal Co	Pittsburg
240		American No 2	American Coke & Coal Co	Pittsburg
50		American No 3	American Coke & Coal Co	Pittsburg
40		Anlen	Th Wilkey & Feather Coke Co	Uniontown
120		Atcheson	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Oliver
12		Bellevernon	Bellevernon Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
100		Bridgeport	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
470	300	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co	Brier Hill
20		Browning	Browning Coke Co	Uniontown
50		Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co	Uniontown
207		Bueso	I W Semans	Uniontown
426	300	Buffington	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
34		Burchinal	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co	Smithfield
34		Byron	Byron Coal & Coke Co	Brownsville
205	100	Calvary	Calvary Coke Co	Uniontown
40		Champion	Champion Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
500	420	Clarinda No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
156	15	Clarinda No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	200	Clarinda No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
120	12	Connellsville	H C Frick Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
270		Crystal	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
231		Adams	Adams Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
403		Dunbar No 1 & 2	Dunbar Furnace Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
100		Dunbar No 3	Dunbar Furnace Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
40		Dunn	J Dunn & Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	320	Eagenborn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
140		Edith	W H Rainey Coke Co	Uniontown
182		Eleanor	Eleanor Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
82		Emory	Smith Bryant Coke Co	Uniontown
200	200	Fairbank	Standard Coal & Coke Co	Fairbank
82		Finley	Jas Brown & Co	Uniontown
400	280	Footedale	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50		Fretts	Lord Fretts Coke Co	Uniontown
110		Garwood	Arthur Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
58		Genuine	Genuine Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
400	400	Griffin 1 & 2	Bromley Coke Co	Pittsburg
210	210	Herbert	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
48		Hillside	Westmoreland Coal Coke Co	Pittsburg
52		Hilltop	Sunshine Coke & Coke Co	Vanderbilt
74	74	Hoover	James H Hoover	M Gilmantown
48	48	Hope	Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
198		Huntsad	Huntsad Semans Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
200		Isabella	Isabella Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
140		Katherine	Union Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
200	200	LaBelle	LaBelle Coke Co	LaBelle
240	220	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co	Hazen
103	300	Lambert	H C Frick Coke Co	Lambert
516	300	Leckrone	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
30		Leisa	Franklin Coke Co	Mt Pleasant
400	360	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
250	250	Low Phos	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
34		Luverne	Luverne Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
61		Marion	Southern Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
244	240	Martin	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Youngstown O
202	60	McKeesrocks	M Keesrocks Coal Co	Leechburg O
100	100	Mt Hope	M Hoy Coke Co	Uniontown
100		Murphy	Richard Coal & Coke Co	Connellsville
30		Newcomer	Newcomer Coke Co	Uniontown
48		Old Home	W J Parshall	Uniontown
480		Orient	Orient Coke Co	Uniontown
34	34	Parshall No 1	Puritan Coke Co	Uniontown
168	84	Parshall No 2	Puritan Coke Co	Uniontown
30		Perry	Perry Coke Co	Pittsburg
72		Pulmer	Pulmer Coke Co	Uniontown
101	50	Poland	Poland Coal Co	Pittsburg
400	304	Republic	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Uniontown
120	45	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co	Ontrop
350	200	Ronco	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
86		Rice	Rice Coal & Coke Co	Connellsville
373	350	Royal	W J Rainey	New York N Y
30		Sackett	H R Sackett Coal & Coke Co	Smithfield
278	270	Seafright	Taylor Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
200	172	Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
100		Solon	Prospect Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
310	250	Sterling	Consolidated Coke Co	Uniontown
400	400	Thompson No 1	Thompson Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
400		Thompson No 2	Thompson Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
320	300	Tower Hill 1	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
394		Tower Hill 2	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
500	500	Washington 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
500	280	Washington 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
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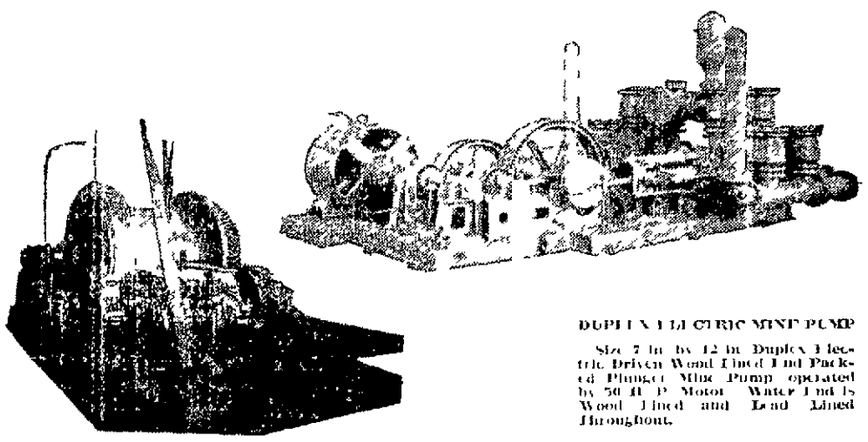

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THURSDAY MORNING, APR 15, 15

A PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION

The Democratic administration is confronted with a practical illustration of the necessity of a protective Tariff on dyestuffs and it is actually seeking to apply the Republican doctrine in some manner which may be interpreted as being consistently Democratic

The textile manufacturers of this country are threatened with idleness because of the impossibility of getting dyestuffs through from Germany Dyes are manufactured largely from coal tar which is a by-product of coking We have a number of by-product coke plants in this country in operation and under contract As was recently printed by The Courier there is no lack of the raw material from which to manufacture aniline dyes

Since that time enterprising capitalists have indicated a willingness to erect plants and engage in the manufacture of such dyes but they point out that when the war is over the German producers will probably reenter the American market and cut the rates in order to recover their American trade To save themselves from being put out of business the American manufacturers say they will have to be protected by a reasonable Tariff and the reasonable character of their proposition is practically admitted by the Democratic administration

The Democratic administration had better go the whole hog and extend as promptly as possible its Free-Trade-Tariff-for-revenue-only which brings no revenue affords no protection and causes nothing but trouble

AFTER THE WAR WHAT?

The balance of trade continues to be largely in our favor as is recently noted in the columns it does not mean that our exports are greater than usual in the country they seldom but imports have shrunken still more Henry Clews the New York banker gives some interesting figures on this in his weekly letter he says

Our foreign trade has been more seriously disturbed by the war than is generally supposed Imports are running slightly behind thus selling the excess of exports the latter would also have shrunken considerably had it not been for the large shipments of food products war materials and the partial recovery of cotton shipments During the seven months ending January 31st these remarkable decreases occurred in our exports Cotton $275 000 000 machinery $61 000 000 steel products $51 000 000 copper and manufactures thereof $15 000,000 lumber and manufactures thereof $30 000 000 mineral oils $11 000 000 engines and cars $11 000 000 tobacco $10 000 000 naval stores $7 000 000 electric machinery $5 000 000 and cotton goods $1 000 000 These losses were almost entirely due to the war This were partly offset during the same period by increases of $190 000 000 in breadstuffs $5 000 000 in horses and mules $12 000 000 in leather $19 000 000 in wool manufactures and in payments of war materials Another idea of the effect of the war upon our foreign trade is illustrated by decreases of $217 000 000 in our export to Germany $43 000 000 to Belgium $10 000 000 to Russia $11 000 000 to Austria-Hungary and $38 000 000 to Canada while our sports to Great Britain increased $45 000 000 to Italy $40 000 000 and to France $33 000 000 At the moment export demands for grain and cotton appear to have reached their zenith and the temporary decline on the war This of course would tend to keep down the big foreign credit balance and encourage more normal conditions in foreign exchange At the same time the latest reports from Washington show that during the week ending April 3 our exports increased $57 000 000 while the imports decreased $33 000 000 leaving a trade balance for the week close on over $24,000 000 It is known also that orders have been placed in this country for fully a million tons of such products or export which at current valuation would approximate about $40-000 000 Heavy shipments in war materials are forthcoming and these figures will have to enter into the international trade account Another important matter which will have to be considered is the annual tourist crowd for tourists usually estimated at over $200 000 000 This sum will not be sent abroad this year but will remain at home or part of it to be distributed among American railroads hotels and summer resorts

The balance of trade in favor of this country however undoubtedly saved it from financial embarrassment in connection with the redemption of its securities held abroad It was the threat of these securities which closed the stock exchanges and did more than anything else to darken the financial horizon after the outbreak of the European war

With rumors of possible peace comes the recurring question After the war what

It is difficult to predict with certainty what the conditions will be after the war is over Financiers and statesmen seem to be in doubt on this point but there is no reason to borrow trouble on account of the resulting conditions There will have to be a period of reconstruction and readjustment but unless all precedents fail it is quite possible that the war-worn nations will show greater recuperative powers than at present anticipated

With peace should come more confidence in domestic trade and this should more than make up for any possible losses in our foreign business if there should be any which is improbable Our foreign business should be better instead of worse and we will be ready to buy more goods abroad than we are taking now With free trading there will be more trade

WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Woman Suffrage will be a nonpartisan issue in Pennsylvania this Fall The voters will be called upon to pass upon an amendment to the Constitution extending the right of suffrage to women The question is open to debate in the public arena, and advocates of the measure are already actively at work These embrace some women of high character and undoubted mental attainments fitting and worthy examples for illustrating the claim that some women are more intelligent and more ladylike than some men

The Pennsylvania voter who desires to pass upon this question intelligently and we may add patriotically should consider primarily whether suffrage will be made better or worse by the extension of the franchise to women that is to say whether the average of honesty and intelligence will be raised or lowered

Women as a whole are more conscientious and self-respecting than men Assuming that they all voted they would undoubtedly raise the moral standard of the electorate but would they raise the average of intelligent voting? The male voter may be ever so honest and well meaning but when he lacks intelligence he is a dangerous element We have had some recent examples of the disastrous consequences of his running amuck A woman would be just the same only worse

Women are notoriously indifferent to politics and poorly informed concerning them but if they had the right to vote they might possibly take more interest in public questions and inform themselves better If this were taken it would be altogether a matter of fashion If suffrage is the mode politics will be as popular as bridge or golf or the latest creation of the modiste But feminine fickleness changes frequently and with great suddenness and possibly when voting is no longer in style there will be no women at the polls but the question remains and weak men is in which event suffrage will not have been improved

Taxation without representation seems to be the slogan of the Woman Suffragists But their case is hardly parallel with that of the Patriots of 1776 The Colonies had no representation in Parliament whatever the women of Pennsylvania are represented in the legislative and governing bodies even if the representative are men men Taxation and representation are not wholly synonymous terms even under our system of representative government Office is sought by the highest sort of statesmen frequently have no children to educate they too might complain of taxation without representation but the children and a large proportion of the voters of the city have no more a vital interest in the taxes assessed against them being nominal and easily paid by city employments It has in fact been seriously proposed in British politics to exempt the poorer classes from taxation altogether on the ground that they have no stake in the country and should not be taxed for the benefit of those who have property to protect

There are many other phases of the question which might be discussed but this is not the place for them

IGNORANCE OR WORSE

Mark the following plaint from the ill-mannered and ill informed Uniontown New Freedom Standard

Since the Lower ballot was adopted in Pennsylvania over a score of years ago it has been the law of the state that the party polling the highest vote at the first previous Presidential election should head the ballot The Democratic party in reason of the vote of 1912 occupies the place now but Jim McNichol and Senator Will Crow won the figures of the last state election to govern which would roll the Democrats off their rights and give them to the gang Cee Pat McNichol and Crow are good sports

Whether the law is changed or not the Democratic position on the ballot will remain the same The Progressives polled the highest vote at the Presidential election of 1912 in Pennsylvania the Democrats being second In the election for Governor in 1914 the Republicans polled the largest number of votes the Democrats coming in second

Robbing the Democrats of their rights they Why they have no right to anything but second place at any time or under any circumstances In Pennsylvania they come second on the face of the returns in the nation they had a plurality in 1912 but they were still a minority party by over million votes

After 1916 however there will be a doubt of the Democratic place

The statesmen in charge of Connellsville's milk supply in the City look now like there is good for the best of old cows

LOCAL OPTION

The Local Option demonstration at Harrisburg was a failure It did not have the effect the promoters anticipated It has served to strengthen the opposition rather than to weaken it The crude manner in which the Local Optionists conducted their hearing and interrupted the opposition speakers at the public hearing by the Law and Order Committee having the bill in charge disgusted many who had been inclined toward legislation

Governor Brumbaugh's views with regard to his recent trip have not been calculated to add to his popularity or his own He has headed a disorganizing movement such as Harrisburg never saw before in all the history of political boosism The members of the present Legislature were elected without obligation to pass this measure and their attitude toward it is one between themselves and their constituents The naturally resent the attempts that have been made to bribe and bulldoze them

The demonstration was intended to frighten some of the opponents of the Local Option measure into thinking that their people favor the measure and that opposition to it will be political death Most of these members however were not born yesterday They know just what value to place upon the volume of sound sent up by a one-sided demonstration They are better acquainted with the sentiment in their districts than those who staged this Harrisburg Mardi Gras

Opposition to Local Option will be further strengthened among the Republican members by the report that Governor Brumbaugh Senator Oliver and the Hon Jim Elkin have retained have formed a combination to make Local Option a Paramount Issue in Pennsylvania next year

There will be but one Paramount Issue in Pennsylvania next year and little side issues like Local Option and their bills will be held back at the track if they do not want to meet the fate of the bill which had the misfortune to be the Local Option measure

SCHOOL TAXES

The Connellsville school district seems to be suffering from the high cost of living and the present duties are say the low tariff of previous administrations though a correct reflection serves as cover by the previous board have set the pace of the old mould who did not hesitate to increase the taxation in a manner unprecedented in the history during one year in order to meet the cost of new construction and overhead necessity of issuing bonds

If the board had stared upon its administration with a less generous fund it will be one asset against its administration that the present necessity for higher taxes for the low taxes levied by previous boards is in this no fault of the present school board but it seems to have been set under the present administration making it impossible for the taxpayers to escape the sting of taxation as the previous

Some of the duty falls upon the necessity of increasing the taxes at this time For the first time this year will kill their chances of re-election

Next year's duty

It is the duty of every man who is not in favor of the present school board to see that the school board will be put in a position where they will be in control of the school and not have the school control them

The season of economy seems to be upon the school board which seems to be willing to spend money for anything and everything but the school children

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A public school works village between Dunbar and Connellsville has not even arrived at the dignity of a village It business men have any interest in the village they have never expressed it in the village newspaper advertising They have kept the community in print to the fact that it is one of the best communities in the country for their business and their families

Wonder if the public school in Connellsville serves and we assume that it does assume that it is a public school fully respected the fact up

CONTRACTS AND EMPLOYMENT

The question to be answered by the City Council asking that the street paving contracts be given to local investors so the fund that will be spent shall be expended among our citizens instead of being sent out of town for employment will no doubt receive first thought during the coming campaign

The city authorities cannot let the contracts to any but the lowest and best bidder This is not only our option but it is our duty If the work is done and expended by contractors who hold upon the work the profit from it would be a direct gift

The right lies with the City Council to reject bids but that right is never exercised save to prevent the letting to irresponsible and incompetent bidders

The assumption that outside contractors will employ nothing but foreign labor is groundless There is no reason why they should not prefer to employ Connellsville labor rather than import labor from other sections of the country

The City Council might however further utilize the purpose of the petition is to make a condition with successful bidders that all labor shall be Connellsville labor before the preference on the job

BOOM OR BUST

The Unsolicited Editorial Association which expanded into a chamber of commerce that died from inability to take up the work which the Chamber of Commerce has promptly picked up and abandoned

More power to it

Its president sounded the slogan when he said that slogan be officially adopted not when he decreed that the time was ripe for Connellsville to boom boom

The facts are yet to be told but the sentiment is well It is evident to every thoughtful citizen that Connellsville must throw off her own inertia and effort add to her home industries in order to insure her growth and prosperity

It is not enough to stay satisfied and hope that town will come to us Content will lag back Efforts effectuate results and remember only our successes

Tom Paul

It may not be proper slogan but it is the right sentiment

Coke region bill players are signing up but is going out

A polar bear died from exposure in Cuyahoga Ohio recently

The scent is plenty money is the thing but we settle

The city fathers were full up said a woman officer in a couple of hussings when the sure under

Next to a man dead the hand that is most to come is the Lord's

It seems the at is so high and is so low b Cwhat will the gals do to keep up with Hon hom th est th ev nin

Woman is funny They kiss when they meet an knock when they part

Hon S Editor Cate Tulhurt addressed the Retail Grocers Association last night on Trouble th People

Rev Wiley Brigel says woman is the weaker vessel but can not be too hold th th other

Next step is the world git a new tinsel show comes along

A lady who took his wife would sell a family less to a European tourist

In discussing the possibility of the United States joining in the European war Nol his children be in the way Yes and I am married

Tom Lewis impressed by catching a fly says he thinks he office of his job he kind out a co

RECIPROCITY

The unknown record is not only proposed to increase the tuition in the Connellsville state hospital but seems to have all the cross marks considerably instructed to write to it in the same strain It probably is the result of support within since it has none from without The Correspondent Republic for example writes of it as

The Connellsville under stands that it pays its tuition in money and its tuition in Thanks but keep that wheat bundling in the center of the farm Our Hill is indeed a bustling lot and everything big things along and a vacation and the hard will not be needed to be bucked in proper precedent in the matter of tuition of those The community is not in a position to pay tuition for students from Connellsville Fayette county and Somerset county and the state of Pennsylvania Tuition is a matter of state and not of county or district

Tuition should be paid by the state in proportion to the population of the state and the state should be reimbursed by the counties in proportion to the population of the counties

The Connellsville Courier is not in the habit of being a mouthpiece for the Republican party but it is a good one when it does so speak

APPOMATTOX

The red tide of rebellious war rose highest on the soil of Pennsylvania During the hot days of July that marked the nation's birthday at Philadelphia less than a century before occurred at Gettysburg the most determined and most nearly successful attempt to destroy it The fortunes of the sun were forgotten in the heat of the bloody contest The battle was doubtful and at its conclusion a gray wave of invasion rolled southward back defeated but undismayed as ever

Just fifty years ago Appomattox the red tide went out never to return The air was filled with the frosty stars of the gold spotlight and were but a mere memory Marcus After five years of marching and fighting it was good to be alive and to feel again and we are told that the ink was not dry on the terms of Lee's surrender until the blue and the gray were fraternizing with each other

The Rebs in Blue are proud of Gettysburg but they celebrate Appomattox

ROCKEFELLERS REACH

When the Western Maryland railroad was extended from Cumberland to Connellsville it was essentially projected into the coke region for a portion of the coke business so will as all the possible advantages of traffic exchange with the Lake Erie system

Since the Rockefeller interest has invested largely in the land it is being hoped over the rough places in his hand to coal traffic It has not only secured a portion of the coal business of the Georges Creek region and the Upper Potomac district but the announcement is made that the Baltimore & Ohio has been persuaded to divide its Somerset region coal business

The new arrangement will involve the expenditure of the B & O tracks and the construction of a line into Westmoreland county The route of the line and its objective point will be a matter of interest

ASSESSED VALUATIONS

The city assessor has been instructed to assess Connellsville real estate for 1915 at what it will bring at a public sale The assessor should bear in mind that this is the law

The meaning of this term has been much debated but it seems to be in common sense view commonly accepted that it means just what it does which is say what the property would likely bring if exposed to public sale after due public notice and full and fair competition on the part of possible bidders

Furthermore the assessed value of property should be what it will bring now not what it might bring at some future time or what has been paid for similar property in times past

Germany underwent welfare has to her credit no lives lost submarine but it has cost England a great deal not to mention a loss unnecessary damage to neutral vessels It is difficult to understand why Germany does not exercise more discretion in her naval warfare and so to recuitation to British imprisonment of German soldiers captured Finally out of Germany and Austria may the latter nation also will also in Germany should come as the result of this policy that be 8 of living in England is greater than it is in Germany

From the standpoint of safety the examinations on mine gases are the most important the State Mine Inspectors make No licenses should be shown candidates at these examinations if any were shown in this part it would be little short of crime

There is no answer to the charge of the heirs of J V Thompson and others against the wisdom in serving the issues on the jolly fellows this month if the assessment notices must have reached the delinquents with ample time to provide with money

Smithfield has got dry beer

Connellsville has had a fundamental and the result of being too much fools There is material here for one good town at the prevailing not enough for two

With another mile track of the Lincoln Highway finished Connellsville's share in improvement will be pretty well up to date

The Tribune Standard says Women wearing short skirts in driving cause wonder the sensation on the Atlantic City boardwalk yesterday What were the walkers saying Follow the crowd See

If the Sheriff houses had been occupied perhaps they would not have been burned down An empty house is always a target for incendiarism It is not the fault of the owners however that the houses were not occupied There are a number of vacant houses in Connellsville and suburbs that Democratic times

The Baltimore & Ohio is encouraging the spot coal trade by the Baltimore & Ohio's right to the docks at New York Philadelphia and Baltimore

The school board of the state is requested to write to the members of the Legislature urging the school appropriations The next fight is the fighting of the Connellsville directors

Connellsville boasts of a boy who hasn't missed school in fifty years However it must be remembered that the fishing was very good around Connellsville

The lady losses taking the examinations for mine and the loss is attributed to the dull lines which gives the candidates more time to study up for the examinations This is doubtless true enough but it is possible that there is a growing conviction to hold these youths as which have decision of importance in Connellsville and which often lead to something higher up

The Uniontown papers insinuate that Connellsville is in the soup We are in the noodle business but not in the soup

It is estimated that the American Navy has up to date cost $50 000 000 in cash and 6 00 000 lives War is hell and devilish expensive at that

Perhaps the Paramount Issue is President Brumbaugh If so Martin is not making the best kind of a start it too bad, when we'll all for him

The proposed scheme of the Connellsville Corporation for the municipal ownership of the electric light plant is a good one Circumstances to be allowed to work for the city to earn enough money to pay their taxes was an inspiration of the right spirit It is to be hoped it is put through to the old much abused and practically disorganized township plan of working out taxes may be the consummation devoutly to be wished It must be remembered that we are living in the present time and that they for are somewhat antiquated and out of date

The Uniontown News Standard is becoming a humorist on the subject of liquor It charges that the Judge has been at it and that Bill Crow at the McNichol headquarters in Philadelphia told the party of the night of the 14th Next thing it will be claiming that somebody has spoken for a position for decency and morals

The Pennsylvania National Guard will be reorganized and still by army basis In everything but uniform detail it is on that basis now

The Connellsville Municipal City has held the setting through this spring

Connellsville is becoming the sport center of Fayette county

Judge Sturgess of Uniontown declares that cigarettes and soda water concoctions are worse than good whisky and he doesn't win distillers stock either

The Lassen will still some over but justice is still counting his cost

Go to Cumberland continues to be Cupid's slogan

Conductor Jimmy Reed took on an extra second from Cumberland and Connellsville Saturday evening without stopping The enterprise of the B & O is no longer a matter of doubt

The stock market has valved into there was no Easter Sunday The facts will be duly filed by Secretary Redfield in Democratic achievements

Johnson makes strong Hell has to be sure but will Lloyd George the political firm of Olivier & Hinn Limited?

The modern life insurance policy is valuable asset If it is part of the assets of one whose undertaking in the hands of a receiver we should think that it would be the duty of the receiver to see the policy duly paid the sal even a small minority stake of such property of the creditorship It is a question of a trustee using the estate to the best advantage That is the prime object of a receivership

Chicago went Republican in a local election What Illinois will do in the fall will be a plenty

The Child Labor bill passed the House by a bare majority If the Governor would be less anxious in his efforts to bear the burdens of the Legislature as well as the executive departments his pet measure would probably have more votes It is natural that the interests of the corporate trusts should resent the Governor's attempts to govern them

Governor Brumbaugh's slogan is Home Rule but the Governor wants to do all the ruling

It is evident that Lincoln Ike has seized the psychological opportunity in his silent praying contests In these pipping New Years from the stone to the iron long to buy a new Dry Billing A sad old administration that brings no luck

The school girls for the use of children are alright but the individuality of their hairpins and money which is fully displayed with one of the old and tried handsticking methods

Coke at $10 is the death knell of Democratic domination

Lower coal purchase in the Smithfield district indicate that to find market is missing, the Green company situation is not without hope

The New River miners show their good judgment in this particular time by making a wage agreement for years or providing some wise provision for adjusting any difficulties which may arise Work settlement like this means in spirit for the protection of miners

Wilson promised better times and lower prices Its consumption price

The steel trust is picking up and its mills are brisk there is a forward movement in pig iron though prices are low and coke is 3 to 4 a ton time and thinner in prices The incomparable Redfield is pulling as strong

The Chief of the Bureau of Mines of Pennsylvania has visions of trials in water if his pink bill turns to white and isn't turned down

The question of permitting people to go fishing as well as fowling on Sunday is again under consideration in the Legislature The question has lost interest people in this section of the state The fishing is too good to tempt one on week days on Sunday

Some people get the point too and of help good citizens others because of their bad deeds Neither good nor bad but still and vain try to think into spirit They succeed in some publication but never in real newspapers

The not of the robin and the bluebird the carpet-laden grass sounds of Spring

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature to build women dressing rooms in the grill rooms of the hotels On the eve of the Woman Suffrage campaign Too

The Tribune Expositor is bigger over the Connellsville annual trade exhibit but it is no any better

Looking Backward

News of the Past Condensed from the Files of The Courier

FRIDAY APRIL 10, 1885.

Two men named Fuller, brothers of Cumberland are killed when a Baltimore & Ohio freight train is wrecked at Indian Creek due to the collapse of the bridge The engine and 18 loaded cars are precipitated into the stream The same bridge went down in 1872 when the east end of the road was completed

L H Reppert and A S Hagan examiners appointed by court to recount the ballots cast at the last election in Connellsville, report that they find no fraud but carelessness in the conduct of the election The recount has yet gives the Democratic candidates more votes than originally

Council fixes the tax rate at 10 mills 2 mills to water fund, ½ mill for improvement fund, and seven mills for the general fund This is a reduction of 2½ mills from last year's rate

The fire companies hold a joint banquet at the Lower ward hose house Speeches are made by Bruce Cox D P Stout Quintin Marietta and George Innes

North Appomattox Day celebration resolutions of sympathy for General Grant who is critically ill, are adopted by the G A R

Postmaster Mathiot of Indian Creek is painfully injured by a burglar who had entered the home of the Misses Moreland when surprised by Mr Mathiot

The Johnston property on East Main street is sold to Lloyd Johnston and Lot Cash for $10 000

A small fire at the home of A G Cornwall New Haven, is extinguished by a bucket brigade

Kell Long puts bases the Gallagher property on Pittsburg street next to the Southwest depot to $6 000

Miss Ida Archie Robbins wins a girls' race at the skating rink

FRIDAY APRIL 22 1885

Detailed report of the coke trade for the week ending Saturday, April 6 shows a total of 17 834 ovens in the region of which 14 921 are active and 2 910 idle with an estimated production of 158 500 tons

Shipments for the week aggregate 8 103 cars consigned as follows To Pittsburg 2 015 cars to points West 3 361 cars to points East 2 527 cars

The increase in price and lack of demand caused a falling off in coke production but an enormous quantity is still being made and shipped out of the region

Appomattox Day celebrated appropriately by William P Kintz Post, G A R Among the speakers are J R Dickey Rev W A Lide, J H Smith W G Cass of Connellsville C H Livingstone of Uniontown and Major J L Sligle of Pittsburg Levi Stoner sings

The new plant of the Youghiogheny Central Ice Company opens for business with Joseph H Eckert in charge Those interested in the company are J P Crossland president Alexander Johnston secretary Joseph T Johnston David B Evans and Benjamin F Schaefer directors

John Dano a Baltimore & Ohio track walker killed by a passenger train near West Newton

Excitement prevails when a runaway horse plunges into the Connellsville Band as it plays a lively tune in front of the Smith House No one is hurt but Charles H Russel William Dinsmore and Homer Stillwagon are knocked down and trodden

The members of the graduating class of the Vanderbilt schools refuse to graduate because the school board has struck out from the program "Commencement Exercises of the Vanderbilt and Libby Schools" The five are all residents of Liberty Those graduated are John Chase, C M Snyder L S McKee Misses Katie Smith Daisy Redmore Myrtle Snyder and Verdie Crase

Edgar Pershing a student at the University of Pennsylvania falls from a bicycle and suffers severe injuries

The Marietta Building on Pittsburg street is being remodeled When completed it will be occupied by James L Davis and Harry Marietta as a grocery store

George Sand a master mechanic at Leisenring resigns to accept a position with Boyts & Potter

APRIL 24 1905

Detailed report of the coke trade for the week ending April 8 shows a total of 17 284 ovens in the region of which 11 921 are active and 1 983 are idle with an estimated production of 211 600 tons

Shipments for the week aggregate 141 21 cars consigned as follows To Pittsburg 1 798 cars to points west 7 592 cars to points east 1 731 cars

The coke trade slackens shipments falling down considerable though there is no decrease in production

In jumping from the tender of an engine to avoid a rush of coal from a chute Samuel Scott slights in front of another engine and is fatally injured Bruce Conlgan his companion escapes

Henry J Smith dies at the home of his son Harry L Smith at Dunbar

Yard men in the Baltimore & Ohio railroad get an increase of four cents a day

The cases of spotted fever reported in the surrounding townships and death result that of Elizabeth Ebner colored in the Bluestone Patch

Wilbur and Guy Heizel receive diplomas as graduates of the Western University of Pennsylvania in the pharmaceutical department

Stock No 2 of the Dunbar Furnace Company is blacked Mrs Jones Wister of Philadelphia applies the torch

Dr I S McKee J C Long and Charles H Bobles take advantage of the spring weather to make a motor trip down the river to Fallen Station

In replying to a license for the Feed House at Uniontown which adjoins the Methodist Episcopal Church, George B Speed offers to close his bar when there is service in the church

Have You Coal Land for Sale?

If you have, advertise it in the columns of The Weekly Courier

FORTY-SIX WOULD BECOME FIREBOSSES; EXAMINATION HERE

Class of Candidates Considerably Smaller Than Last Year.

OTHER TESTS ARE CONCLUDED

Applicants for Mine Foremen's Papers Conclude Their Work Thursday and New Class Taken on Friday; Same Board of Examiners is In Charge.

Forty-six men employed at mines in the Ninth Bituminous District are being examined for fire bosses' certificates in the Odd Fellows' Temple Friday, the tests for mine foremen and assistant mine foremen's papers having ended Thursday after three daily sessions. The class is not nearly so large as the one examined a year ago. At that time there were 66 candidates and this year there are but 46.

The examination is conducted by the same board, Mine Inspector P. J. Walsh, James Conway, representing the miners, and J. W. Greaves, superintendent for the American Manganese Company at Dunbar, representing the operators.

The examinations were conducted in the assembly room of the temple, the basement not being available because of preparations for the Appomattox Day celebration there tonight. The examiners expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the consideration shown them by W. A. Artis, janitor of the building.

The class is composed of the following: H. E. Small, Robert Gardner, Ames Brett, Edwin Markland, W. S. Neal, George Neal, Madison; Chauncey Williams, Connellsville, R. F. D.; Lawrence Goe, James Yougher, Vanderbilt; George Evans, Dawson; Andrew Bendjock, James Sidehammer, Jean Popovitch, Thomas Condra, Mount Pleasant; John D. Duncan, Trotter; James F. McDermott, John Draggic, Clifford Stottle, Yukon; Robert T. Sniker, Indian Head; Louis Keffer, Charles D. Rosenecker, Dunbar R. F. D.; Rufus Daugherty, Connellsville; Richard Walls, Charles Schmonski, Chestnut Ridge; H. H. Burkett, Moyer; W. J. Nagley, Dunbar R. F. D., Fred Krause, Frank Krause, Connellsville R. F. D.; Joseph Patnesky, Tarr; Stephen Snyder, Grindstone; George Littlehales, Ruffsdale; William Bailing, Alverton; J. P. Hanley, John B. Grimm, Adelaide; Anthony Gilmore, Hugh Nelis, Patrick Maloy, William Tarr, T. P. Kramer, Dunbar; Alex Alexander, Leisenring No. 1; George Spence, Braznell; William Thomas, Jr., Brownsville; H. A. Moody and Wilson Boyd, Smock.

The morning questions follow:

In your examination of a mine, what observations would you make relative to coal dust?

Name the essential features of a good safety lamp for general work.

State the legal duties of a fire boss as prescribed by law.

Name and describe the gases commonly found in bituminous coal mines. How are they produced, and where are they generally found? Give their effect on the workmen.

State in detail how you would proceed to examine a district of a mine to ascertain whether or not it was free from explosive gas and other dangers.

State explicitly what dangers you would look for in making your second examination, and in the event of danger being found, what action would you take looking to its removal?

FIFTY TAKE FIREBOSS TEST AT UNIONTOWN

UNIONTOWN, April 9.—Fifty miners today are taking the examinations in the court house for certificates for fire boss. The tests given by the State Department of Mines are being conducted by the same board of examiners which yesterday completed giving the examinations to candidates for mine foremen and assistant mine foreman certificates. Inspector I. G. Roby, of the Fifth Bituminous District, is chairman of the examining committee, the other members being John Hoover, an operator, and George Carr, a miner.

Those taking the fireboss examinations are: James D. Brodwick, Uniontown; Thomas Cooper, Uniontown; Ernest G. Samas, Oliver; Reese George, Mount Braddock; Charles Chambers, Uniontown; Harry Roebuck, Oliver; Frank Gardner, Lemont; Edgar Green, Newcomer; John D. Geisel, Uniontown; James Jones, Uniontown; P. J. Whalen, Uledi; Michael Coburn, Lemont; Arthur Cooper, Lemont; Harry A. Ramitts, Lemont; John Rochester, Brownfield; Thomas Wroe, Mount Braddock; George Henderson, Uniontown; Frank Kerns, Waltersburg; Ray McClelland, Waltersburg; Joseph Korona, Uniontown; Hugh D. McGarrity, Uniontown, R. D. 1; Joe Olenik, Uniontown; John Frederick, Uniontown, R. D. 2; Phillip Callahan, Uniontown, R. D. 2; Thomas Kegg, Oliver; Andrew Stiner, Uniontown, R. D. 1; James Shanaberger, Uniontown, R. D. 1; Herbert Nicklow, Uniontown, R. D. 3; Harry D. Dawson, New Salem; George J. Speshock, Uniontown, R. D. 1; E. W. Moody, Uniontown, R. D. 1; Owen McKinity, West Leisenring; Jess Childs, Uniontown, R. D. 1; Peter Elias, Jr., Uniontown; James Mahoney, Uniontown; Patrick Shearon, Uniontown R. D. 1; Alex Kruper, Brownfield; John Feeney, Hopwood; William Lally, Uniontown, R. D. 1; Thomas Lally Uniontown, R. D. 1; Joseph Brodnovich, Newcomer; John Brodnovich, Newcomer; Robert Welling, Uledi; Mahlon A. Farr, Uniontown, George E. Rochester, Uledi; Harry B. Tobin, Uledi; Michael A. Willey, Uledi.

BIG CLASS PARTICIPATES IN SCOTTDALE TESTS.

SCOTTDALE, April 10.—Seventy-five men, the largest class that ever assembled in Scottdale to take the fire bosses' examination in the Eleventh district, were in the Reid Hall on Friday, when the examining board composed of State Mine Inspector D. P. Blower of Scottdale, W. E. Henderson of Greensburg and Robert Blackburn of Mount Pleasant, the first representing the operators and the second the miners, held the examination.

Last year there were 59 candidates for the examination, so this year's record overtopped that class by 16 candidates. The mine foreman's examination earlier in the week brought out 49 men, an increase of 10 over last year. Greensburg took the lead in number of candidates at the fire boss examination, having 20, with Mount Pleasant second with 16 candidates.

The following were the men who took the examination for fire boss certificates: Alexander Forbes, Frank W. Grim, Martin Chney, Joseph Hahna, George Lesanna, Ray Davenson, Michael Couches, John Bickar, Adam Forbes, South West; George Shuthels, Michael Kostelnik, Albert Bertram, Clifford C. Myers, Jacob M. Haum, Curtis Kuhn; Tranger; George S. Betsko, Michael Brown, John Ansel, Calimet, Frank Mains, Charles Monnick, John McKenna, Peter Holey, John Downs, Alva T. Crabtree, Mammoth; John Clifford, Ruffsdale; Walter Butler, John Olingock, George Seighman, Stauffer; Jacob F. Painter, South Greensburg; John Bernard, United; Joel Keffer, Oscar Prinkle, Dawson; Walter Barricklow, Perryopolis; John S. Thrasher, John A. Shelkey, Clarence Kern, Henry Uperman, Henry C. Elkins, Star Junction; Joseph Rhodes, Pleasant Unity; Henry Martin, Scottdale; Robert Littlehales, Charles W. Reese, James Reagan, Bert G. Morgan, George W. Plummer, James A. Wylie, John Hamilton, Arthur Cross, Harry Deemer, James A. Davis, Alvey Jones, George Turney, Edward D. Shaw, Frank Newhouse, John Adams, Joseph Hull, Greensburg; Albert W. Henschell, Joseph Perkony, Jesse C. Keeler, Andrew Jordon, Jr., Michael Pavlick, William Depto, James G. Coleman, Andrew Honeychuck, William Condre, John Thomas, Guy T. Oneal, Albert Stell, James Stell, Jarol B. Hudee, Edward Smerchak, Joseph Forejt, Mount Pleasant; Joseph H. Fitzsimmons, Jacob Blyston, William Hunter.

WORKMEN'S BILLS PASS

Compensation Measures Now Go up to the Senate.

HARRISBURG, April 13.—The Brumbaugh workmen's compensation bill and the six companion measures were finally passed in the House last night. Not a word was said for or against the legislation, debate having been indulged in when the bills were on second reading.

The bills put through and the vote on each one follows:

Workmen's Compensation — Yeas, 195; nays, 3.

Creating the bureau of workmen's compensation to administer the workmen's compensation act—Yeas, 195; nays, 3.

Creating and administering a state insurance fund—Yeas, 198, nays, 3.

Regulating policies of insurance against liability arising under the compensation act and regulating the premium rates—Yeas, 200; nays, 3.

Providing for the incorporation and regulation of employers' mutual insurance associations—Yeas, 202, nays, 1.

Exempting domestic servants and agricultural workers from the provisions of the compensation act—Yeas, 202, nays, 1.

Resolution amending the Constitution to safeguard the compensation act—Yeas, 202, nays, 1.

The bills now go to the Senate. There is some talk of a fight there to get some amendments, but the Governor feels confident the bills will go through without important changes.

BLOW AT TRADING STAMPS

Walton High License Bill is Passed by House.

HARRISBURG, April 13.—A blow was struck at the popular household industry of collecting trading stamps in the House last night, when by a vote of 146 to 17, the Walton bill heavily licensing trading stamp companies was finally passed. Representative Palmer of Schuylkill, spoke in opposition to the bill, but the sponsor, Walton, of Lawrence, announced to the House that Mr. Palmer had a particular friend who was interested in the trading stamps.

Palmer made the point that the license was so high that it would virtually drive trading stamp companies out of business. The bill provides for county licenses for trading stamp concerns which are to pay $1,000 annually and merchants handling stamps $150, three-fourths of the proceeds to be retained by the county for use in maintenance of roads and bridges and the remainder to be sent to the state treasury.

FULL CREW BILL OUT

Passes Second Reading in House; to Senate Shortly.

HARRISBURG, April 13.—The bill drafted to repeal the full crew law and to give the Public Service Commission power to regulate the number of men to operate trains passed the critical stage in the lower house of the Pennsylvania Legislature today when the measure was agreed to on second reading.

Attempts to amend the bill failed. The repealer is now expected to reach the Senate in a few days.

The bill fixing the salary of controller in counties having a population of between 150,000 and 250,000, which include Fayette, was defeated in the House today and a number of bills were passed. Among them was that which extends the right of appeal to common pleas court from assessments for taxation to municipalities and corporations. The bill requiring locomotives to be equipped with bell ringers passed on second reading.

STORK IS BUSY.

Two Sons and a Daughter Born to Families Known Here.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Rapport in the Colonial apartments, South Pittsburg street, Saturday night, and left a son.

On the same night a son was born at the West Penn Hospital, Pittsburg, to Dr. and Mrs. Milton Goldsmith, of Pittsburg. The new arrival is a grandson of Henry Goldsmith of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kopf of Popular Grove, are receiving the congratulations of their friends over the arrival of a daughter, Sunday morning.

SUIT AGAINST CITY MAY BE OUTCOME OF AUTOMOBILE MISHAP

I. Aaron Run Down on Main Street While Walking to Trolley.

HIS SHOULDER PAINFULLY HURT

Bystanders Assert that Leisenring Man Failed to Halt His Auto While Passengers Were Boarding Trolley; City Has No Traffic Regulations.

Possibility of a suit for damages against the city are being discussed as a result of the accident to I. Aaron, president of The Aaron Company, who was run down on Main street Monday evening while about to board a South Side street car. The automobile which struck him was driven by H. M. Matsko of Leisenring. Bystanders allege that Matsko failed to observe the law which prohibits autoists from passing a street car which is loading or unloading passengers.

Mr Aaron was knocked down and dragged several feet. Fortunately for him, the car was not being driven at a rapid rate. As it was he was pinioned beneath the car. Milton Andrews lifted the machine from him. Mr. Aaron was treated at the office of Dr. Thomas R. Francis and later taken to his home in Mr. Francis' machine. His shoulder was painfully hurt and he was bruised otherwise. An X-Ray examination of the injury will be made today to determine the extent of it.

Some comment was made because of the failure of Patrolman Frank Ganoe to place the driver under arrest. He was permitted to go after his name and license number had been taken by the policeman.

"I am surprised that there are not more automobile accidents," an observer commented, following the accident. "There is apparently no effort being made to require automobilists to observe the law. The provision prohibiting drivers from passing a street car which is loading or unloading passengers is violated daily, frequently under the very **eyes of** the police. It isn't safe for anyone to cross the streets nowadays."

"Aside from the fixed post at Brimstone Corner, there is no effort to regulate traffic. There should be an officer stationed at the West Penn waiting room. I am not so sure that council should not require the West Penn to maintain a private policeman there. The West Penn has a special officer at its Uniontown waiting room. Why shouldn't it have one here?"

The accident to Mr. Aaron calls attention to the fact that the city has no traffic ordinance. One was passed by the old borough council. It was a good one, coming after constant protests against the custom of automobile owners monopolizing the streets. That ordinance became a dead letter when Connellsville became a city, and no subsequent one has yet been passed. Automobile owners are evidently aware of the failure to enact such an ordinance, for the practice of parking cars along the principal thoroughfares is again being followed. The old ordinance did not permit automobiles to be left along the main streets for more than a few minutes, and improved conditions immediately resulted.

It is said that the city may be held liable for damages to Mr. Aaron through its failure to make any attempt to regulate street traffic.

"I drive a car," said an automobile owner, "but I try to observe the law. There are automobile owners who openly disregard not only the law of the state, but that of common sense as well. Speed limit and traffic rules are ignored, and so far as I can see, the city makes no effort to bring the offenders to justice. Traffic past Brimstone Corner is fairly well regulated, but no attempt is made to break up violations elsewhere. What the city needs is a traffic ordinance which will bring results; and it should see that the police force enforces its provisions."

Just as council is getting ready to pave the portion of South Pittsburg street from the end of the present paving to the city limits, it will be called on to defend a legal action for $2,000 filed in court Thursday by S. P. Weimer of South Connellsville, through his counsel, John Duggan, Jr. Weimer alleges that Pittsburg street, from Patterson avenue to the city line is "out of repair and highly dangerous" to such an extent that it caused him to suffer severe injury when thrown from a motorcycle on December 2, last.

Weimer in his statement filed declares that on last December 2 he was riding in a side car attached to a motorcycle, which was driven by his son, M. E. Weimer. On account of holes in the street, the car is said to have overturned, "severely injuring the plaintiff in and about his back, head, arms and neck." He declares that he will suffer for the rest of his life from the injuries received.

The place where the accident occurred is near the residence of Connellsville's solicitor, E. C. Higbee, in the South Side. The street is unpaved for a short distance from the city limits and declared to be in a very dangerous condition. This is the first suit which has been brought against the city since it took over the affairs of the town in December, 1913.

FLORIDA ABLOOM.

Former Resident Tells of Early Garden Truck, Too.

A post card has been received by The Courier from J. M. Carson of Daytona, Fla., a former well known resident of Fayette county. Mr. Carson has been located in Florida for the past 12 years and during that time has been a constant reader of The Daily Courier. He has had his subscription renewed for another year. He states they now have had potatoes and strawberries from their garden and also roses in bloom.

Subscribe for The Weekly Courier, $1.00 a year in advance.

LOCAL BOY NOW ON SHIP TOURING SOUTH AMERICA

Joseph Cuneo Secures Position on the Kroonland; Many Countries Being Visited.

Joseph Cuneo, who left here last winter to make his home in South America, has secured a position on board the steamship Kroonland, which is making a trip through the South American republics with a party of 300 American capitalists on board. The tour will take three months and 22 seaports will be visited.

Writing to friends here, Cuneo says that the tourist steamer, lighted up with red, white and blue electric lights, is creating a sensation at every port. At Rio de Janiero on March 17, he says, the party was greeted by officials, thousands of people crowded the streets, the buildings displayed the American flags and the day seemed to be a general holiday. On March 20, Joe continues, the baseball champions of Brazil were scheduled to play a game with a team from the Kroonland, of which he is a member.

Enclosed in the letter is a section of the Imparcial, Rio de Janiero's principal newspaper, containing pictures of the Kroonland and some of her passengers. This city is wonderfully beautiful, Mr. Cuneo says.

The Kroonland was the largest steamship to go through the Panama Canal. At Punta Arenas, Jackies of the British cruiser Glasgow, which sank the German cruiser Dresden, came aboard. A mate of Joe's rescued a man who fell overboard after becoming suddenly ill.

At Rio de Janiero, the temperature was 115 degrees in the shade hence the baseball game must have been a strenuous one for the Americans.

HOMESTEADS OFFERED

Uncle Sam Is to Open the Shoshone Irrigation Project.

The United States Reclamation Service announces the opening and availability the latter part of April of a large number of desirable home sites in the well known Shoshone irrigation project near Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. This opening will mark the fifth unit to be offered the public in this district and will afford an excellent opportunity for the serious homemaker to secure a desirable 40 or 80-acre tract under the homestead law in a district of proven agricultural worth.

According to an announcement issued by Albert V. Leonard, self-educator of the United States Reclamation Service in the Federal Building, the government during the past six months has been swamped with appeals for suitable agricultural homesteads and the opening of the Shoshone lands will in a measure suppose the demand for irrigable tracts in this section.

"There is no question but that the recent peculiar business and economic conditions have been largely responsible for the increased demand for and widespread interest in the 'back to the land' movement," states Mr. Leonard. "The government is desirous of encouraging this laudable movement in every proper way and seeks to make it easy to obtain information concerning the opportunities which exist for the homeseeker. It is my desire that the Shoshone opening will attract an industrious class of people who will maintain the high standard of progressive farming which is rapidly transforming the Shoshone project into an agricultural community of accomplishment. With an excellent climate, fertile soil, ample water supply, and a splendid settlement with schools, churches and other community interests, this project should appeal strongly to prospective settlers and I shall be very glad to supply such people with all necessary data."

HELD FOR ATTACK

Trotter Man Must Answer for Injury to Countryman.

George Buziz of Trotter is being held on a charge of felonious cutting awaiting the result of injuries inflicted on Charles Banya on Sunday night. Banya is severely gashed about the face and shoulders and he may lose the sight of one eye, which was gouged by a table fork. A preliminary hearing was conducted before Alderman Fred Monk Monday night.

A fork smeared with blood almost to the end of the handle, recovered at the boarding house by Constable William Roland, was produced at the hearing. This is alleged to be the weapon wielded by Buziz in the fight.

Dr. J. L. Junk, who dressed Banya's injuries, testified that the patient may lose his sight, though it is impossible to tell just now. Banya is now in the Cottage State Hospital.

John Rockosi, John Teleski and Andy Kolok, who were arrested for complicity in the assault on Buziz, were released upon payment of the costs, a charge of disorderly conduct being preferred against them.

ATTEND BIG MEETING

Connellsville Suffragets Hear Interesting Talks in Uniontown.

About 600 women heard Miss Rose Livingston of New York, a noted leader in the campaign against white slavery, gave a talk to women Monday afternoon in the West End Theatre, Uniontown. Miss Livingston is known in New York as "The Angel of Chinatown."

Last evening Miss Livingston and Mrs. Ethel R. Voree of Ohio, a suffrage worker and lecturer, addressed a large audience of men and women in the theatre, Mrs. Voree being introduced by Mrs. R. E. Cupbel, county chairman of the suffragists.

Among those who attended from Connellsville were: Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Schoonover, Attorney and Mrs. S. R. Goldsmith, Mrs. P. E. Markell, Mrs. L. S. Michael, Mrs. W. P. Clark, Miss Harriet Clark, Mrs. J. F. Korr, Miss Frances Freed, Mrs. Mary Scott, Mrs. R. C. Lyon, Miss Elizabeth DeMuth, Miss Margaret Whiteman, and Miss Florence Everhart.

Licensed to Wed.

George Kirkpatrick of Smock, Anna B. Knight of Vanderbilt; John Green and Nannie L. Jones, both of Dunbar; John Jenney of Brownsville and Ethel Guesman of Brownsville township, were granted marriage licenses in Uniontown yesterday.

COUNCIL WILL BUY AUTOMOBILE HOOK AND LADDER TRUCK

Councilmen Wright and Duggan to Investigate Various Makes.

GET STREET FLUSHER, TOO

Manufacturer Agrees to Sell Street-Cleaning Machine on 30 Days' Trial; Price is $800 if Machine Proves Satisfactory; New Garbage Ordinance.

The addition of a motor-driven hook and ladder truck, with chemical equipment, to the present fire-fighting equipment was decided on by council Monday and Councilmen E. W. Wright and John Duggan were named a committee to investigate the various makes and report to council. The committeemen are to visit the factories, if necessary, decide on a machine that embodies the features necessary here and then have manufacturers bid on such a truck.

This step was decided on unanimously, the necessity for additional fire-fighting equipment, especially ladders, having been demonstrated at the Cotton building on North Pittsburg street last month. Superintendent I. W. Wright reported that the fire loss last month was $30,753, compared with $5,510 in the entire 12 months, ending December 31, 1913. According to his figures the insurance companies paid A. W. Cotton $16,000 and Max Lavine $13,500, and other estimated losses from fires during the month were: Amelia Madigan, South Arch street, $650; W. F. Sossman, Water street, $450, and John Duggan, Seventh street, $3 25.

Council also accepted the proposition of the Studebaker corporation to supply a road flushing machine for $800, with the stipulation that if it is found unsatisfactory at the end of 30 days' trial, it is to be shipped back to the factory. There was some discussion as to the advisability of buying the flusher, Councilman Duggan voting "no" when a vote was taken. He thought the apparatus was more necessary and doubted the wisdom of buying a street cleaning machine. Mr. Gans argued that a flusher would save money now expended for street cleaning, which might be applied toward paving for the new hook and ladder machine.

Councilman Gans reported that the memo. for the $100,000 bond issue would be available by April 29. The bond issue he stated, asked a change in the method of providing a sinking fund for the redemption of bonds and offered an amendment to the ordinance. This amendment was to have been forwarded by the attorneys for the bond buyers in time to pass on it at this meeting, but it did not come, so council decided to meet tonight at 7 o'clock. Another change in the bond issue is the specific statement that the city will pay all taxes on the bonds, which it is necessary to recommend, so that the purchasers will bear no expense.

No paving contracts were let. It being filed under the Clark act to make contracts until the money for such work has been appropriated, the consummation of the paving contracts will be delayed until the bonds are actually sold and the money received.

NEW GARBAGE ORDINANCE MAKES RATES HIGHER.

F. H. Munson, attorney for the Connellsville Garbage Company, submitted a new garbage ordinance, which was read but not formally introduced. It will come up for discussion later. The new measure fixes a license fee of $200 for any company undertaking to collect and dispose of garbage, requires that such firm must submit plans of a modern garbage incinerator with stench-removing device which plant, if inside the city limits, must be kept in a strictly sanitary condition; requires that all garbage must be collected in covered wagons, and makes it unlawful to deposit garbage on streets or in streams within the city.

Prices are fixed as follows: Removing horse, $7.50; decomposed, $10; removing calf or colt, $3; decomposed, $4.50; removing cat, 25c, decomposed, 50c; removing dog, 50c; decomposed, $1; burning one horse load of garbage, 50c, two-horse load, $1; burning one horse load of paper, 25c; two-horse load, 50c; removing family garbage, including ashes, $4 a month, with 15 per cent discount if paid by the tenth of the month. Fines of from $5 to $25 may be imposed for violations of the ordinance. Provisions is made that garbage is to be collected twice weekly from dwellings.

WISHES OF PETITIONERS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

Two petitions signed by many taxpayers, asking that council favor home contractors when awarding the paving contracts, were received. A resolution introduced later directed that the petitions be filed and the request given the consideration that the best interests of the city will permit.

Mr Gans submitted a detailed statement of the city's finances, showing the expenditures for the first three months to have been $10,010.62, apportioned among the departments as follows: Public Affairs, $2,742.03; Accounts and Finance, $262.83; Safety, $2,632.21; Streets, $3,197.12; Parks and Public Property, $388.36.

There was some discussion as to whether property owners on South Pittsburg should be required to lay sidewalk six feet or 10 feet wide. No action was taken.

Scottdale Man Honored.

At the annual spring meeting of the Redstone Presbytery in session Monday at McKeesport, Rev. James A. Hutchinson of Scottdale, was elected moderator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. W. F. McCaffrey of McKeesport.

Have You Coal Land for Sale?

If you have advertise it in the columns of The Weekly Courier.

NIGHT SCHOOL CLOSES AFTER 47 SESSIONS; 5,337 ATTEND

Average Attendance Was 111, But Number Had Dropped to 40 at Last Several Sessions.

After 47 sessions, extending over a period of about six months, night school was closed Monday night. The term was continued considerably beyond the number of sessions required by law to give the students who remained faithful in attendance all opportunity to improve their education.

The school proved successful beyond the expectations of the school authorities. It was established in October after a number of persons had petitioned the board to take such action. It proved very popular and the attendance at one time reached 175. Two teachers were placed in charge at first, but the attendance made it necessary to increase this to five. Sessions were held Monday and Thursday nights from 7 to 10 o'clock. The subjects taught were English, spelling, penmanship, stenography, typewriting, bookkeeping and arithmetic.

The total attendance was 5,337 and the average 114. Recently, however, the nightly attendance dropped to about 40.

The approximate cost of conducting the night school was $1,000. Teachers were paid $2 a night, making $80 a month for all five, the janitors were given $5 a month extra, and there was a big item for supplies, light and heat.

STAGE SHAM BATTLE.

Teacher Injured When Braddock's Fight is Imitated.

SMITHFIELD, April 13.—E. R. O'Neil and the boy pupils of his school, Whyel, of North Union township, for the purpose of studying history from the scene of his occurrence, visited Fort Necessity and Braddock's grave on Saturday. To make their study more realistic they divided their forces and fought the battle over again, using small finger stones for weapons, and which came near ending in a tragedy.

One of the boys' aim was so true it struck O'Neil fair on the forehead, cutting a deep gash, rendering him unconscious for a moment. It is needless to say that this ended the battle and marred the enjoyment of the outing.

If you have coal land for sale advertise it in The Weekly Courier.

The Grim Reaper

MRS. ROBERT ALLEN.

Mrs. Robert Allen, 56 years old, died on Monday at the family residence on Morrell avenue, Greenwood, of pneumonia. Mrs. Allen had been in good health up until her late illness. With her sister, Mrs. Mary Strickler, she intended to leave a week ago today for San Prairie, Wis., to visit her son, Dr. William E. Allen. All arrangements had been completed for the trip. She contracted a severe cold and pneumonia developed, resulting in her death.

Mrs. Allen was well known in Connellsville and vicinity. With her family she moved to Greenwood from Smock, where she spent the greater part of her married life. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Kearns, at home, a son, Dr. William E. Allen, of San Prairie, Wis., and two grandchildren, Ruth Kearns, and Robert Allen, Jr. She is also survived by two sisters, and several brothers.

MRS. AUSTIN KING.

Mrs. Austin King, wife of the chief mine inspector for the H. C. Frick Coke Company, died at the family home in Scottdale Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock after an illness that dates back several months. She was 62 years and six months old.

Mrs King was Miss Mary Maloney before her marriage, and was a native of England. She was well known throughout this section, having resided for five years at Leisenring No. 3, and six years at Leisenring No. 1, while her husband was connected with the Frick plants at those places.

Mrs. King leaves her husband and 11 children: A. J., of Charleston, W. Va.; F. E., of Logan, W. Va.; John, at home; P. S., of Collier, W. Va.; Dr. Edward A., of New York City; T. A., a student at Morgantown, W. Va.; Sister Mary Austin, of St. Aloysius Academy, New Lexington O.; Katherine, a teacher in the Homewood schools, Pittsburg; Nora, Anna and Margaret, at home.

The funeral was held on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, with services in St. John's Church and interment in the parish cemetery.

ERWIN E. EBY

Word has been received here of the death of Edwin E. Eby, a former resident of Connellsville. Deceased was a son of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Eby, formerly of this city, and was well known here. Rev. Eby, while located here, was secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association. The body will be shipped to the home of his parents at Los Angeles, Cal., for interment. Deceased was a member of the 1915 graduating class of Pennsylvania State College.

GEORGE E. WILDEY.

George E. Wildey, 62 years old, died Tuesday at his home in Uniontown of pneumonia. In addition to his widow and daughter, Helen, he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Nicholas of Natrona; Jacob of Connellsville; Mrs. Elizabeth Barrie of Crucible; Mrs Magie of Uniontown; Christopher Wildey of Chalk Hill and Mrs. Lilly DeFaules of Uniontown. Mr. Wildey was well known in Fayette county.

JOHN M. FREY.

John M. Frey, 42 years old, died Tuesday at his home at Uledi. Mr. Frey was special officer of the W. J. Rainey works at Uledi for over a year. He had been ill for the past nine days of pneumonia.

LUDWICK A. KIMMEL

Ludwick A. Kimmel, 73 years old, a veteran of the Civil War, died Saturday at his home in Springfield township following an illness dating back to about a year ago. Since April 1 his condition was serious. Funeral Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. F. S. Wartman, of the United Brethren Church, officiated.

Mr. Kimmel was born in Somerset county, September 14, 1836, and when a boy his parents moved to Springfield township, where he spent the remainder of his life on a farm. At the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted in Pennsylvania Volunteers, Company K, Eighty-Fifth Regiment. In addition to his widow he is survived by the following children: John A., of East Connellsville; Mrs. N. B. Leichliter, of New Eagle; Mrs. J. M. Miller, of Indian Head; Levi and Elizabeth, at home.

CHARLES H. CIMMONS.

Charles Henry Cimmons, 5 years old, died Saturday of brain fever at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stillwagon, 302 East Francis avenue. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the Stillwagon residence with Rev. J. H. Lambertson, pastor of the Methodist Protestant church, officiating. Interment in Chestnut Hill cemetery.

MRS. CARRIE SHAFFER BROWN.

Mrs. Carrie Shaffer Brown, 43 years old, wife of Captain J. S. Brown, a retired Ohio and Mississippi river steamboat master, died Monday morning in the Mercy Hospital, Pittsburg. Mrs. Brown was born in Somerset county, a daughter of Herman J. and Adeline Shaffer. Since her marriage she had resided in Pittsburg. In addition to her husband she is survived by her mother and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Jacob Hoover, Mrs. Eliza Critts, Mrs. John Schillinger, and Mrs. Edward Burkett, all of Somerset county, Mrs. George Newell of Mount Washington; Miss Maggie Shaffer at home; James, John and George Shaffer, all of Somerset county, and Samuel Shaffer, of Akron, O.

MRS. MATTIE TAYLOR.

Mrs. Mattie Taylor, 62 years old, died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Muller at Braddock. Funeral services were held Tuesday from the Muller residence with interment at Braddock. Mrs. Taylor was known in Connellsville.

MISS HARRIET J. DIXON.

Miss Harriet J. Dixon, 68 years old, a well known resident of Uniontown, died Wednesday morning at her home in Mount Vernon avenue, following a lingering illness. Funeral from the house tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Dr. W. Hamilton Spence officiating.

Miss Dixon was born February 18, 1847 in Menallen township, a daughter of the late Thomas and Priscilla Gaddis Dixon. She was a life long member of the Presbyterian Church and for the past twenty-five years was a resident of Uniontown. Two sisters, Mrs. Eliza Ellen Vail at New Sharon, Ia.; Mrs. Mary Rachel Jeffries of New Salem; and John Gaddis Dixon, a brother, of Lopedale, survive. Deceased was a niece of Caleb Campbell of the West Side.

CHARLES W. CROFT.

Charles W. Croft died Wednesday at his residence at Hoboken, Pa. Funeral services Thursday at 7 o'clock from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. J. R. DeWalt at Verona. Mr. Croft was known in Connellsville and Brownsville.

MRS. JENNIE HOUSTON SCHULTZ

Mrs. Jennie Houston Schultz, wife of Louis M. Schultz, proprietor of a hotel at Boswell, died April 9 at her home, following a lingering illness.

Mrs. Schultz formerly resided at Connellsville, Mr. Schultz at one time being proprietor of the Trans-Allegheny Hotel. She was born in Pittsburg in 1871, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Houston. She was 44 years old and was the second daughter in a family of seven children. In 1891 she was married to Louis M. Schultz and to the union four children were born, as follows: Carl H., Elizabeth Mary, Louis John and Frank Houston Schultz, all at home. In addition to her husband and children, one brother, Frank Houston of Boswell, and two sisters, Mrs. W. J. Swinderman of Buffalo, N. Y. and Miss Elizabeth Houston, of Boswell, survive.

JAMES KANE.

James Kane well known in Connellsville and vicinity, died Thursday at his home at McKeesport.

The following children survive: Mrs. Agnes Cunningham of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Etta Reese, of Youngstown, O.; Mrs. Elizabeth Boyle of Pittsburg; Mrs. Jennie Jiles, Miss Mollie Kane, James, Edward, and Alexander Kane, all of McKeesport.

ROBERT LEACH.

Robert John Edward Leach, 5 years old, died Thursday morning at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Mary F. Johnson, 230 East Apple street. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon with Rev. G. L. C. Richardson of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, officiating. The services and interment in Chestnut Hill cemetery were private.

HENRY RIDENOUR

Henry Ridenour died at his home on Mulberry street, Scottdale, Thursday, aged 52 years. He leaves three sons, Frank, Clark and Abraham. Funeral services at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

MRS. JENNIE KIDDER.

Mrs. Jennie Kidder, 64 years old, a former well known resident of Connellsville, died Friday at the home of her son-in-law, Charles A. Berg in Uniontown. Services will be held from Uniontown. Services were held from the Berg residence Sunday afternoon funeral party will be conveyed to Connellsville in a special street car. The interment will take place in Hill Grove cemetery.

Mrs Kidder was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and for a number of years resided in Connellsville. Of late years she had made her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Berg.

JOHN ZEIGLER SIMPSON.

John Zeigler Simpson, 51 years old, died Friday at his home at Bluirsville after an illness of several months. Mr. Zeigler was reared on a farm near Mount Pleasant and was married to Minnie Etta Miller, whose father was a merchant at Somerfield. Ten children survive.

WILLIAM M. SHEARER.

William M. Shearer 61 years old, died Friday at his home in Fayette City, after an illness of about a week.

PURCHASERS MAY NOT REMOVE TIN PLATE BUILDINGS

Men Who Bought Material From Watchman Restrained by Court.

THE HEARING IS CONTINUED

Kelly Claims He Acted as Agent for Representative of Tin Plate Company and Was Paid Only Commissions on Whatc Articles He Sold.

UNIONTOWN, April 10.—Before Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen today in equity was taken up the injunction action of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company of Scottdale, against Thomas Kelly, R. S. Pierce, C. A. O'Neal and Mineral Orbeck of Connellsville. The hearing followed the granting of a temporary injunction last Monday to restrain the defendants from moving and tearing down property said to belong to the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company at its old Humbert plant in South Connellsville.

Robert P. Percy, superintendent of the Scottdale plant of the company, was called as the first witness for the plaintiffs. He testified regarding the dismantling of the old Humbert plant in September, 1914. He said that several buildings were left standing, together with the fence surrounding the property for the reason that the company of which he is an employe has a prospective purchaser for the plant.

Superintendent Percy said that he went to the Humbert lant last Monday and found a gang of about 10 men and two teams at work there dismantling several buildings and hauling away the materials. He said that he told the men that they had no right to remove the buildings, and was referred to R. S. Pierce, who was in charge of the work. Mr. Percy stated to the court that he told Mr. Pierce he would have to stop work, and that Pierce advised him that no person could stop him except the sheriff. He told of having secured an injunction which was served on the defendants last Monday evening by a sheriff's deputy.

Superintendent Percy said that went to the Humbert plant last Monthe buildings from Thomas Kelly, paying him $55.25 for several buildings. C. A. O'Neil is said to have purchased the clock house at the plant from Kelly for $20 and Mineral Orbeck is said to have purchased some material with which he constructed a chicken house.

From the cross examination of Mr. Percy it was brought out that Kelly had been employed by the company at the time the dismantling of the plant was going on. Superintendent Percy testified that Louis Darsh was the foreman in charge of dismantling the plant, and that H. C. Stevens was the company's representative to sell materials which had been removed from buildings.

An agreement made by the American Sheet Tin Plate Company and Thomas Kelly was introduced in evidence by Attorney R. S. Matthews, who is counsel for the plaintiff. By the terms of this agreement Kelly is given the free use of the office building at the Humbert works for a dwelling in compensation for his services there as watchman.

Kelly testified that H. C. Stevens, agent for the company, had given him the right to dispose of the buildings. The money he received, he declared, was turned over to Stevens who paid him a commission.

The injunction was continued by order of court until a final hearing is given.

Letters of administration were issued today in the estate of William H. Hellen, proprietor of the Duquesne Hotel, Uniontown, who was buried here last Thursday. The letters were issued to his widow, Mrs. Grace E. Hellen. His estate is valued at $110,000, of which $50,000 is personal property and $60,000 real estate.

On petition presented to Judge Van Swearingen, the liquor license at the Hotel Duquesne was transferred to Mrs. Hellen, the administratrix, and an order was made substituting the name of Mrs. Helen for that of her husband on the 1915 application. According to the law, a new hearing on this license is necessitated by reason of the substitution, and April 20 fixed as the date for the hearing.

Found guilty of stealing turkeys at Thompson No. 1 last December 23 and refused a new trial, John Leightfoot, Edward Leizhtfoot and Charles Blane were sentenced to 60-day terms in the workhouse. The fact that they have been in jail almost four months was taken into consideration by the court in passing sentence.

The official count of the vote on the bond issue election in Fairchance this week showed that 83 voted in favor of it, and 17 voted against it. The issue was declared to have carried.

On account of the recent death of Robert H. Wright of Dawson, the court named County Viewer J. H. Landenberger to take his place on the view of the proposed vacation of a road in Bullskin township.

The court granted the Christian Brotherhood of McClellandtown leave to mortgage real estate for $1,500.

BIG EXHIBIT THIS YEAR

Manual Arts Display of Public Schools Will be Elaborate.

The second annual exhibit of the manual arts department of the Connellsville schools will be held in the high school building on Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17. The first exhibit was held last year. It proved a revelation to patrons of the schools. This year, school authorities say, the exhibit will be even more elaborate.

Teachers and pupils have been working for months on articles to be placed on display at the exhibit. The manual training department, showing wood work for boys, will have an unusually good exhibit.

Visitors will be admitted on Friday from 2 to 5 and from 7 to 9 P. M., and on Saturday 10 to 12 A. M.; 2 to 5, and 7 to 9 P. M.

THUNDERSTORM BREAKS THE DROUTH; MERCURY TUMBLES

Downpour Soaks the Ground, but Old Sol Has Since Been Coy; High Wind Blows.

The long drouth was broken over Sunday. A light drizzle on Saturday was followed by showers on Sunday morning and a downpour in the afternoon. There was a real thunderstorm Sunday afternoon, accompanied by a high wind.

The rain was welcome. Even those who were caught out in it were willing to be inconvenienced for the satisfaction of having the dust eliminated, if for no other reason. Farmers and gardeners were delighted. It was a hard rain, and there is promise of more, and it has been a long time since the moisture was so badly needed in the spring.

There was a high wind on Sunday afternoon. For a time it attained the proportions of a minature gale. The thunder and lightning was not so severe, but it furnished the proper sorting for the rain. For nearly an hour the downpour continued without cessation. The streets were flooded in spots. For a time it was virtually impossible to cross Main street afoot.

The mercury tumbled several degrees and the almost sultry weather of the latter part of last week has been replaced by air that is chill and penetrating. Old Sol hasn't shown a disposition to stay on the job since the rain.

The Pittsburg district was particularly hard hit by Sunday's storm. Considerable damage was done there. Telephone service was interrupted for a time, a number of wires being down. In the neighborhood of Youngwood no less than 17 telephone and telegraph poles were blown over, causing interruption to communication.

TWO BUILDINGS BURNED

Double Houses at Wheeler are Destroyed by Fire.

Fire of an unknown origin destroyed two unoccupied double houses at Wheeler early Sunday morning. Two other houses on either side of the burned dwellings were saved, one by a bucket and garden hose brigade and the other by the chemicals of the Connellsville automobile truck.

The fire was discovered about 5.30 o'clock. It was then burning fiercely inside one of the houses. In a short time this was destroyed and the adjoining dwelling ignited. A bucket brigade was formed, but nothing could be done to save the two buildings. Garden hose was used to play a stream on the roof of the third house, occupied by a Slavish family, and this was saved.

The Connellsville department was called by telephone. Chemical extinguishers were used to extinguish the blaze at a fourth house.

The burned houses were the property of the Wheeler Improvement Company, in which Mayor Rockwell Marietta, A. D. Sobson and William Dull are interested. The loss is about $2,000.

The fire department was called out Sunday evening about 10 o'clock to extinguish a small fire in a shed between Second and Third streets, West Side. Some rubbish inside the building had caught fire. No damage was done.

YOUNG PAIR ELOPE

Miss Helen Straub and Prof. Harris Go to Cumberland.

Entirely unknown to their friends, Miss Helen Straub, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Straub of the Colonial inn, and Professor Walter W. Harris, an instructor of the high school, eloped to Cumberland Saturday, where they were married Saturday afternoon.

The young pair left for Cumberland this morning over the Western Maryland, after they had carefully explained to interested parties that they were going to Pittsburg to take in a show this afternoon. Mrs. Straub, mother of the bride, expressed amazement when told by The Courier that the young folks had eloped. Her daughter had said she and Mr. Harris were going to Pittsburg.

Inquiry at Cumberland developed that the young couple obtained a marriage license soon after the arrival of the train in that city.

Miss Straub is one of the best known young women of Connellsville and is prominent in the younger social set.

Mr. Harris, the bridegroom, is teaching his first term in the high school here. He is the son of John H. Harris, president of Bucknell University and an educator of note.

PLAN NEW TRAIN

Baltimore & Ohio May Add Another Accommodation to Uniontown.

Though no authoritative information has been received at division offices here, Baltimore & Ohio officials here expect that when the schedule is revised it will include a new train arriving here from Pittsburg at 12.30 P. M. and continuing to Uniontown. Arriving there at 1.10, it would probably make the return to Pittsburg, leaving there at 1.30 P. M.

This train would probably replace No. 30, which now arrives from Pittsburg at 6.40 P. M. Officials admit that the change has been discussed and the new schedule which will be effective on May 9 are expected to include it.

At the present time there is no train from Pittsburg between 9.45 A. M. and 3 P. M., and no train to Pittsburg between 9.50 A. M. and 2 P. M.

The talk of new trains does not include a noon train to Pittsburg, something which local patrons of the Baltimore & Ohio have been urging for many years.

DAUGHTER GETS ESTATE.

Is Given Belongings of Mother, Late Mrs. Rebecca Sipe.

In the will of Mrs. Rebecca Sipe, probated in Uniontown Saturday, an estate of $542 is disposed of. To her daughter, Mrs Leah Stoner of Dunbar township, Mrs. Sipe leaves her bed and bedding and any other goods at the Stoner house. She also directs that payment for board be made to Isaac Stonor, her son-in-law, out of what remains in the estate.

The will was made February 27, 1891. Mrs. Sipe died last month.

NO NEW LICENSES ARE GRANTED THIS YEAR IN FAYETTE

Only Change in Retail List is Refusal of Smithfield.

THAT TOWN IS ONCE MORE DRY

Court Warns Point Marion Retailers That They Must Observe the Law Which Prohibits Selling of Liquor in Quantities of More Than a Quart.

No new liquor licenses were granted in Fayette county this year when Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen announced his decisions Tuesday, and one old license was refused, that of William Barton of Smithfield. There was no change in the list of distillers and brewers. Six retail applicants were refused license and the one wholesaler who applied. There were no new applicants among the brewers or distillers.

Judge Van Swearingen issued a warning to the retailers of Point Marion, directing them to observe the Brooks law, which prohibits selling more than one quart of liquor to a consumer. Complaints had been filed with the court that West Virginians were getting liberal stocks of wet goods at Point Marion. The court pointed out the fact that it could concern itself only with the Pennsylvania law, but proposed to see that it is obeyed.

All of the Connellsville retail applications, as well as those of the distillers and brewers were granted. The retailers here are I. M. Kephart, assignee of Paul J. Bolger, Yough House; James O'Hara, Trans-Allegheny Hotel, Meanhan & Walton, Hotel Hess, William E. Rice, St. James Hotel; Harry C. Griffin, Smith House, John Dixon, Central Hotel; William Dull, Hotel Arlington, Martin O'Hara, Baltimore House, Augustus D. Solsson, Hotel Royal; John Duggan, Columbia Hotel; M. J. Roland, Hotel West Side.

In granting the hotel licenses at Point Marion, where it is alleged that the bottle trade is carried on to an unreasonable extent in furnishing citizens of West Virginia with something to allay their thirst, Judge Van Swearingen said:

"In granting these licenses the attention of the applicants is called to the fact that the licenses are not wholesale licenses, but are licenses to sell liquors at retail under the act of May 13, 1887, in quantities not exceeding one quart. Complaint has been made by citizens of Point Marion and by citizens across the line in the state of West Virginia that the license holders in Point Marion have sold liquors in bottles in large quantities to be carried away from the premises and used elsewhere. No evidence as to the facts, however, has been offered in court.

"It has been held by the Superior Court of Pennsylvania that the selling of liquor in bottles, in quantities not exceeding one quart, to be drunk off the premises, does not violate the provisions of the act of 1887, and is not a legal reason for refusing an applicant's petition for renewal of his license, but it was said by the court there that the reckless selling of liquors to be drunk either on or off the premises, may well be considered as evidence of the applicant's unfitness to hold a license.

"The court cannot alter the law as to the quantities in which liquors may be sold by license holders, but the court will endeavor to enforce both the letter and the spirit of the law, and if any license holder violates the law, or sells liquors in wilful and reckless disregard of the true intent and meaning thereof, and the facts are properly proved in court, it will be ground for revoking such holder's license.

"The license laws of Pennsylvania are not affected in any way by the liquor laws of other states, but the laws of this state must be observed and obeyed by persons holding liquor licenses thereunder. We expect license holders to permit nothing to be done in the exercise of their license which will give just cause for complaint under the law."

The list of applicants follow, with those refused noted.

RETAIL LICENSE.

Bellevernon Borough.
Frank W. Hess, Hotel Birmingham.
Lou M. Kyle, Hotel Kyle.
George Lange, Hotel Lange.
John H. Schmidt, Hotel Central.

Brownsville Borough.
Joseph N. Cooper, New Gilard Hotel.
Oakie S. Cook, Storey House.
John R. McMullen, Monongahela House.
John Matta, Hotel Alexander.
Samuel M. Smith, Hotel Dudley.

Connellsville—First Ward.
I. M. Kephart, assignee of Paul J. Bolger, Yough House.
James O'Hara, Trans-Allegheny Hotel.
Monohan & Walton, Hotel Hess.
William E. Rice, St. James Hotel.
Harry C. Griffin, Smith House.

Connellsville—Second Ward.
John Dixon, Central Hotel.
William Dull, Hotel Arlington.
Martin O'Hara, Baltimore House.

Connellsville—Fourth Ward.
Augustus D. Solsson, Hotel Royal.

Connellsville—Seventh Ward.
John Duggan, Columbia Hotel.
M. J. Roland, Hotel West Side.

Connellsville Township.
Jules Schlinger, Broadford Hotel.

Dawson Borough.
Otto Hess, Dawson House.
L. N. Leighty, Central Hotel.

Dunbar Borough.
Antonio Burano, Dunbar House.
Howard H. Clark, Central Hotel.

Everson Borough.
Peter Gorsal, Eureka House.
G. Cerrado, Everson House.

Fairchance Borough.
Paul Mishaga, Fairchance Hotel.
Friedman & Schier, Albion Hotel.

Franklin Township.
Anton A. Zink, Hotel Smuck.

Georges Township.
John J. Noon, Central Hotel at York Run.
Ewing B. Swaney, hotel on road between York Run and Shoaf. (Refused.)

Jefferson Township.
Rice & Smith, Hotel Rice at Newell.

Masontown Borough.
William L. Graham, Hotel Leroy.
Rice Boyd Hays, New Mason Hotel.

Menallen Township.
M. J. Finerty, Hotel Anderson.
Max Hannan, hotel near Keister works. (Refused.)

Ohiopyle Borough.
Harry Marietta, Ohiopyle House.

Perry Township.
Jesse B. Wyatt, Hotel Perry at Perryopolis.
David L. Carson, Carson House at Banning. (Refused.)
Watt & Dinable, Hotel Banning at Banning. (Refused.)

Point Marion Borough.
William T. Devlin, Point Marion House.
Jules J. Querimont, Central Hotel.
Peter J. Guyana, Jr., Colonial Hotel.

Redstone Township.
David W. Mitchell, Hotel Republic.

Smithfield Borough.
William Barton, Smithfield Hotel. (Refused.)

South Brownsville—First Ward.
Frank S. Adams, Herbertson House.
Luke P. Melin, Barr House. (Refused.)
James J. Cantley, Barr House.
Edward Shickima, Pennsylvania Hotel.

South Brownsville—Second Ward.
Walter B. Hubbs, St. Charles Hotel.

South Connellsville Borough.
William Allen Furlong, Hotel Atlas.

Uniontown—First Ward.
Russell W. Beall, Hotel Brunswick.
James Moran, Central Hotel.
Patrick Reagan, Lafayette Hotel.
Delbert Rush, West End Hotel.
D. Dixon Rush, Hotel Tilbow.
J. W. Lee McClelland, House.

Uniontown—Second Ward.
William H. Hellen, Hotel Duquesne.
Robert C. Sample, Gallatin Hotel.

Uniontown—Sixth Ward.
William Herton, Altman Hotel.
John F. Reagan, Exchange Hotel.

Uniontown—Seventh Ward.
Charles G. Teel, Teel House. (Refused.)

Vanderbilt Borough.
J. W. Madigan, Vanderbilt Hotel.

Wharton Township.
William J. Olivier, Chalk Hill House.

WHOLESALE LICENSE.

Uniontown—First Ward.
George F. Tilbow, West Peter Street. (Refused.)

DISTILLERS' LICENSES.

Brownsville Borough.
Perry Distilling Company, Brownsville.

Connellsville—First Ward.
White Rock Distilling Company, Connellsville.

Connellsville—Third Ward.
Connellsville Distilling Company, Connellsville.

Connellsville Township.
A. Overholt & Company, Broad Ford.

German Township.
Masontown Distilling Company, Masontown.
Mesmore Distilling Company, Mesmore.

Masontown.
Grae Distilling Company, Masontown.

Georges Township.
Fairchance Distilling Company, Fairchance.

Luzerne Township.
Stewart Distilling Company, South Brownsville.
Monongahela Distilling Company, Brownsville.

Redstone Township.
Hoover & Monroe, New Salem.

Saltlick Township.
Bill Pritts Distilling Company, Neals Run.

South Brownsville Borough.
Hamberger Distillery, Limited, Brownsville.

Springhill Township.
Mueller Distilling Company, Guyasuta.

Uniontown—First Ward.
Arch Distilling Company, Uniontown.
Tilbow Distilling Company, Uniontown.

Uniontown—Third Ward.
William C. Gans, Uniontown.

Vanderbilt.
Vanderbilt Distilling Company, Vanderbilt.

BREWERS' LICENSES.

Connellsville—First Ward.
Yough Brewing Company, Connellsville.

Connellsville—Third Ward.
Pittsburg Brewing Company, Pittsburg.

German Township.
Masontown Brewing Company, Masontown.

Menallen and German Townships.
Johnson Brewing Company, New Salem.

Redstone Township.
Republic Brewing Company, Orient.

South Brownsville—Second Ward.
Brownsville Brewing Company, Brownsville.

Uniontown—First Ward.
Labor Brewing Company, Uniontown.

Uniontown—Second Ward.
Pittsburg Brewing Company, Uniontown.

Uniontown—Sixth Ward.
Fayette Brewing Company, Uniontown.

$47 IN BILLS BURNED.

Handkerchief Containing Roll of Money Scorched by Gas Stove.

A. B. Martin, superintendent of the Rainey works at Stayer, has made application to the Treasury Department for the redemption of $47 in bills which were scorched recently when a handkerchief containing them fell from his pocket into an open grate.

Mr. Martin had the bills wrapped in a handkerchief and when he drew it from his pocket it fell into the gas grate. He managed to snatch it from the flames, but not before the bills had been partly burned.

AFTER MORE MONEY.

School Directors of State Want Larger Appropriations this Year.

School directors here have been urged to write to their legislators, asking them to vote for increased appropriations for the public school system of the state. Since 1907 the biennial appropriation for the maintenance of schools has been $15,000,000, and at least two and a half millions more is needed.

The ratio per pupil was $2.49 some years ago; now it is down to $1.80, and the ratio per teacher has dwindled from $89 to $72.

BABY BULGAR BORN ON B. & O. TRAIN NAMED "JIM REED"

Proud Parents Pay a Tribute to Conductor of No. 5.

THE STORK STALKS AT WILLIAMS

Smoking Car Becomes Temporary Hospital When Mere Males Are Shooed Out in Order That New Immigrant May Arrive Safely.

When Captain James H. Reed, conductor on Baltimore & Ohio train No. 5, reached Connellsville on Saturday night, he reported a most unusual occurrence to Superintendent O. G. Eaton. Something that had never happened on any of his trains during his railroad career had taken place as the train passed Williams Station, just across the Maryland line—Mrs. Frank Mitchell, a Gypsy woman, gave birth to a lusty son, who was named James Reed Mitchell, in honor of the conductor.

Mrs. Mitchell was a member of a party of 19 Bulgarians dressed in the gay colors of the Gypsy tribes, who roam throughout the country in the summer. There were six men, seven children and three women, seated in the forward end of the men's smoking car. Captain Reed remarked to his brakeman, E. E. Blanchard, that there seemed to be a suppressed apprehension among the Gypsy women. As the train reached Williams, the reason was divulged. The forward end of a Baltimore & Ohio smoking car, passing from Maryland into Pennsylvania, was the birthplace of a new life.

Men in the smoking car were driven to the rear of the day coach behind, while a cot was improvised for Mrs. Mitchell between the seats. A telegram was sent ahead to Meyersdale and at that point Dr. Leighty, the company physic in boarded the train. By that time, however, mother and son were "doing well."

The event was one of great importance and it soon spread throughout the train. Everybody was excited about it except the father, who owned four of the seven children in the party and wasn't particularly perturbed over the arrival of a fifth even at such an inopportune time and place.

When the news spread among the Pullman passengers, F. C. Baird and D. P. Connell surrendered their state room to the mother and son.

It is said that the Gypsies own a wheat farm of 480 acres near Calgary, Alberta, and are on their way there.

FIREMEN DISAPPOINTED

Say Pension Bill Will Eliminate Most of Men of State.

NEW CASTLE, Pa., April 12.—Firemen here who have worked hard to have the civil service bill for firemen and police of third-class cities presented to this State Legislature fear that they have been given a black eye and left out in the cold by an amendment that was made to the bill before it passed the House. When copies of the bill reached this city, it was found that the amendment practically eliminated most of the firemen of the third-class cities.

An amendment provides that no third-class city that does not have a "full paid fire department" shall benefit by the civil service plan. New Castle has as many volunteer fire companies as there are paid companies. This amendment, firemen here fear, would prohibit New Castle firemen from coming under civil service provisions, even if the law passes.

NOTIFIES DEALERS

Health Officer Warns Them That Foodstuffs Must be Covered.

Health Officer George Hetzel today began notifying dealers in meats, fish, fruit and vegetables that the provision of the health ordinance, requiring all exposed goods to be covered, will be rigidly enforced. Some dealers are ignoring this provision entirely.

Section 25 of the health ordinance provides that all fruits, vegetables, fish and meat, displayed outside of the stores or on wagons, must be thoroughly protected from flies. Stands on which such goods are displayed must be at least two and a half feet from the pavement or floor.

The board of health will shortly inaugurate a clean-up campaign, in which the residents will be required to do the cleaning.

STORK IS BESTED.

Deaths Exceed Births for First Time in Many Months.

For the first time in many months, the number of deaths during the month of March showed an increase of three over the number of births. The total number of deaths was 26, and of births, 23.

The report submitted this morning by Miss Lena Hetzel, deputy registrar of vital statistics, was as follows: Deaths, Connellsville borough, 23, Connellsville township, 1, Bullskin township, none. Births, Connellsville borough, 20, Connellsville township, 1, Bullskin township, 2.

WOULD BE TAX COLLECTOR.

Fred Rohrer is Circulating Petition for the Position.

Fred Thorn, who will retire from the management of the Yough House after the new owner, S. M. Goodman, takes charge, is a candidate for the vacancy in the office of county tax collector, made vacant by the failure of H. C. Norton to qualify. Rohrer's petition is being largely signed. He is a resident of the West side and is widely known locally.

E. T. Sherrick is also a candidate for the office and has filed his petition in Uniontown.

To Hold Memorial.

Connellsville Eagles will hold memorial services for their dead brothers the latter part of this month.

TENTH REGIMENT BAND TO BE LOCATED AT GREENSBURG

Moose Band of That Town to be Mustered in as Regimental Musical Organization.

Connellsville is no longer the headquarters of the Tenth Regiment Band, having been transferred to Greensburg by order of Colonel Coulter, commanding officer of the regiment. The Moose Band of Greensburg, with A. J. McCully, the director, as chief musician, has already changed its name to the Tenth Regiment Band.

Connellsville has had the Tenth Regiment Band for a number of years. Prior to that it was located at Latrobe. When the old Tenth Regiment Band was drafted, part of the musicians going over to the Connellsville Military Band, Director James W. Buttermore took entirely new material under his charge and developed them into a creditable organization, one well capable of leading the regiment. At the last encampment, the Tenth Regiment was the most popular band there.

Whether the musicians will remain together as an independent band will probably be decided at future meetings.

ELKS INSTALL OFFICERS.

They Then Feast on Roast Turkey and Enjoy Theatrical Performance.

William Carle of Youngwood, district deputy, installed the officers of Connellsville Lodge, B. P. O. E., Monday. Brother Elks from Greensburg, Scottdale and Uniontown assisted. The officers are: J. E. Wallace, exalted ruler; A. J. George, esteemed leading knight; William Matthews, loyal knight; Edward Duggan, esteemed lecturing knight; P. P. Strawn, secretary; H. C. Hays, treasurer. W. E. Debolt, tyler; B. W. Lehberger, trustee.

A roast turkey supper followed the installation ceremonies and the orchestra and theatrical troupe of the Arcade gave a special performance.

If you have coal land for sale advertise it in The Weekly Courier.

Bank Statement.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE YOUGH TRUST COMPANY, of Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, at the close of business April 5, 1915.

RESOURCES.

Cash, specie and notes	$ 29,558.90	
Due from approved reserve agents	67,549.79	
Legal securities at par	7,000.00	98,109.66
Stocks and bonds		139.03
Checks and cash items		6,535.82
Due from banks and trust companies not reserve		1,056.32
Securities pledged for bills payable		136,352.89
Commercial paper purchased upon one name	6,010.00	
Commercial paper purchased upon two or more names	167,398.00	173,408.00
Loans upon call with collateral		26,871.02
Time loans with collateral		117,016.60
Bonds, stocks, etc		26,661.87
Mortgages and judgments of record		191,046.40
Office building and lot		55,000.00
Other real estate		5,193.05
Furniture and fixtures		21,528.02
Overdrafts		2,309.98
Other assets not included in above		8,010.53
Total		$1,112,621.50

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	$200,000.00
Surplus fund	5,180.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	13,142.07
Individual deposits subject to check (exclusive of trust funds and savings)	218,073.29
Demand certificates of deposit (exclusive of trust funds and savings)	324.23
Time certificates of deposit (exclusive of trust funds and savings)	43,523.70
Deposits, savings fund (exclusive of trust funds and savings)	524,256.84
Deposits, municipal	29,601.04
Treasurer's and certified checks outstanding	2,578.01
Bills payable on demand	56,077.78
Bills payable on time	19,000.00
Total	$1,112,621.50

Amount of trust funds invested	$ 13,050.00
Amount of trust funds uninvested	1,268.15
Overdrafts	93.50
Total trust funds	$ 14,412.65

CORPORATE TRUSTS

Total amount of bonds issued by virtue of trusts and deed of trust or mortgages executed by corporations to the company as trustee to secure issues of corporate bonds, including equipment trusts	$260,000.00

State of Pennsylvania, County of Fayette, ss:

I, B. E. Floto, Treasurer of the above named company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. E. FLOTO, Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April, 1915.

J. H. KURTZ, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

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E. T. NORTON,
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SUPERVISORS OF COUNTY HOLD BIG HIGHWAY MEETING

Their Annual Gathering is Well Attended at Uniontown.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE THERE

W. A. Wyan Tells of Aid Given the Townships by His Bureau; Dr. J. L. Cochran Discusses Roads from Standpoint of the Automobilist.

UNIONTOWN, April 8.—Thirty-three out of the 69 township supervisors in Fayette county answered the roll call at the annual meeting of the Fayette County Association of Township Supervisors this morning. The convention, which is being held all day, is not nearly so largely attended as last year, when the association was formed. At that time there were 61 supervisors here.

President J. M. Hall of Springhill township was not present and the two vice presidents, Jacob Landenburger of Lower Tyrone township, and Irvin Leichliter of Connellsville township, was also absent. Lloyd Stillwagon of Connellsville township acted as temporary president and was unanimously elected permanent president for the ensuing year without opposition. Marshall Dean of Franklin township, and George P. Hoover of Redstone township, were chosen first and second vice presidents, respectively. Attorney Joseph Baer was re-elected secretary, and Thomas Holt of Springhill township was chosen treasurer.

Resolutions were adopted indorsing the movement for a statewide good roads day on next May 26. Copies of the resolution are to be sent to Governor Brumbaugh.

G. W. Greenwood of Dunbar, of the United Fire Brick Company, gave an address on the value of brick roads in Fayette county. Mr. Greenwood called attention to roads which have been built in this county of brick, told of their durability and compared them with roads of other construction. He illustrated his talk with views of county roads.

At the close of the morning session a photograph of the supervisors was taken in front of the court house and they were entertained at luncheon by the United Fire Brick Company at the Gallatin Hotel.

On account of pressing duties in the State Highway Department, Deputy Highway Commissioner Joseph W. Hunter was unable to attend the meeting here today. The highway department is represented, however, by W. A. Wyan, of the bureau of township highways, of which Deputy Commissioner Hunter is the head. He spoke this afternoon on the relation of the highway department to the township supervisors. He told the supervisors that a great many plans for township roads and bridges had been prepared by the highway department during the last year, and spoke of the assistance that his bureau is ready to give the supervisors for the asking.

The needs of the automobilists and the travelers of good roads was voiced this afternoon by Dr. J. L. Cochran of Connellsville, a member of the automobile club of that place. County Road Engineer Wilbur Dunn told of the road work being carried on by the county commissioners.

Supervisors who answered the roll call were:

Brownsville township—William Gaskill, Joseph Fawcett.

Bullskin township—William Harshman, I. F. Crossland, Charles S. Wadsworth.

Connellsville township—Lloyd Stillwagon.

Dunbar township—Isaac Colbert.

Franklin township—Marshall Dean, George Work.

Georges township—Ivan L. Roderick.

Henry Clay township—Sanford G. Glister.

Lower Tyrone township—W. D. Hixon.

Luzerne township—C. Clarence Grensburg.

Menallen township—Frank E. Moore.

Nicholson township—Jacob N. Johnson, Hays E. Honsaker.

Perry township—John E. Krepps, John Rough, Albert Reynolds.

Redstone township—Arthur Higinbotham.

South Union township—Thomas Clark, James M. Schnatterly, James R. Bixler.

Springhill township—Ira M. Burchinal, Thomas Holt.

Stewart township—David Collins.

Upper Tyrone township—Nathaniel King.

Washington township—Elijah Garden, Griffith W. Stevens.

Wharton township—Czar Herring.

THREW AWAY PRIME WHISKY

Over Two Hundred Gallons Are Poured Into a Sewer.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Apr. 9.—There was wailing and gnashing of teeth among the tibulously inclined of Washington county when 245 gallons of whisky, ranging in age from 25 to 45 years, was poured into a sewer yesterday by John A. Howden and A. W. Morrison, executors of the estate of the late Joseph Kammerer, a former distiller of Nottingham township. In clearing up Kammerer's estate the executors struck a snag when they came upon the whisky. Washington county being dry, the executors, to avoid running afoul of the law, were unable to give away or sell the liquor.

They were told by federal authorities the only thing to do was to throw the liquor away. The time and place were kept a secret. The liquor was valued at nearly $2,000. Kammerer had not had a license for the last five years.

Postmasters Are Named.

R. R. Souser has been named postmaster at Rockwood and William D. McGill at West Brownsville.

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PRESBYTERIANS ELECT OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

Annual Congregational Meeting is Held; Good Financial Showing is Made During 1914.

The annual congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian Church was held Thursday at the Y. M. C. A. Rev. J. L. Proudfit, the pastor, presided at the meeting for the election of elders and deacons. W. R. Kenney, R. E. Grimm and J. M. Cecil were elected elders for three years, and William Thomas was elected to fill the unexpired term of A. W. Hood, deceased. It was decided to increase the number of deacons from five to six. S. F. Miller and P. K. Dilworth were the new deacons elected to serve a term of four years. J. M. Herpick was re-elected for two years.

T. J. Hooper, president of the board of trustees, was elected to preside at the election of trustees and the remainder of the business meeting. C. W. Downs and Mr. Hooper, whose terms as trustees had expired, were re-elected for three years. An auditing committee composed of S. F. Miller, C. F. Hirst and Paul Wagoner was appointed.

The annual report of the treasurer showed a balance in all the treasuries of from $1,200 to $1,300. The benevolence contributions during the year were $2,000. The total contributions, including the benevolence fund, were $6,877, an increase over that of last year.

Thirty-one new members were received during the year, making a total membership of 475. It was reported that $52,000 had been spent on the new church during the past year. The year was a successful one, and all the reports were very satisfactory to the pastor and congregation.

FIND MAN DEAD

Body of James Robinson of Perryopolis Discovered in a Field.

Sitting upright on a stone in a field near the Washington Run railroad, a short distance outside of Perryopolis, James Robinson, a well known resident of that town, was found dead Thursday afternoon by Constable Enoch Burnworth. There were no signs of foul play or injury on the body, hence Robinson is believed to have succumbed during an attack of heart trouble.

Deceased, who was about 45 years old, left home early yesterday morning after eating a hearty breakfast. He seemed in good health and spirits. He was last seen about 2.30 o'clock sitting in a field with another man, some distance away from the place the body was found some hours later. Constable Burnworth noticed the man about 4.30 o'clock. Thinking him asleep he shook him, but investigation proved that the man had been dead several hours. The body was removed to the establishment of Undertaker Blair and Coroner H. J. Bell was notified.

Robinson is survived by his widow and two children.

FIRE AT REIDMORE

Caretaker's Home on Col. Reid's Estate Destroyed by Flames.

Fire which originated in the interior of the caretaker's home on the estate of Colonel J. M. Reid at Reidmore, completely gutted the interior of the house about noon Thursday. The South Connellsville fire department responded to an alarm and the Connellsville truck was called about 11.30. The truck was unable to aid, however, the brunt of the work falling on the South Connellsville firemen, who prevented the place from total destruction.

The house was a two-story frame structure, occupied by the family of Martin Layton, who have charge of the place. They saved but little of their furniture.

Iona Layton, the small daughter of the caretaker, was rescued from the burning house by her mother, but not before she had suffered severe burns of the face and hands.

Forest fires which have been sweeping the hills in the vicinity of Reidmore for several days have threatened some of the other houses, but the fire this morning originated inside the dwelling.

BALSLEY RESIGNS

West Side Man to Retire as Member of School Board.

Charles H. Balsley of the West Side has tendered his resignation as a member of the school board and will retire from that body after serving continuously as a director for 12 years. Lack of time to devote to his duties is the reason assigned. Mr. Balsley's business affairs require him to be out of the city much of the time and for this reason he has decided to retire from the board.

Mr. Balsley was a member of the old New Haven school board and as such became a member of the Connellsville board when the two towns were consolidated some years ago. He was elected to a six-year term when the new school code went into effect and his time would not have expired until two years hence.

He held several offices in both the New Haven and Connellsville boards. During the opposition to the construction of an addition to the high school some years ago, Mr. Balsley was a leader of the insurgent movement.

URGE HERO MEDAL

Friends of Colored Woman Declare She Deserves Honor.

Friends of Mrs. C. C. Woods, colored, of Redmore road, are suggesting a Carnegie hero medal for her. Details of how she dashed into the Samuels home and risked her life to save an 18-months-old babe from flames, have been forwarded to the commission.

The Samuels home was destroyed by fire on March 29. Mrs. Samuels was away at the time and an older daughter had stepped out to the store for milk when the fire started. Mrs. Woods, who resides nearby, ran into the blazing house, and though twice driven back by fire and smoke, finally reached the child and carried it to the open air. Its clothes were burning and it suffered painful burns of the arms and hands.

The heroic act of this woman, her friends feel, deserves some reward and they will aid her in getting it.

CREDIT MEN WILL EXPAND; TO TAKE IN MORE MEMBERS

Plan to Develop an Active Civic Organization Here.

MANY PLANS BEING CONSIDERED

Members Declare That Now is the Time to Push Town Ahead; By-Laws Will be Amended to Make Men of All Lines Eligible to Join.

Plans to extend the scope of the Business & Professional Men's Credit Association, by admitting to membership all tradespeople, were outlined at a meeting of the association Thursday night. Originally the association was intended to be a credit association and members paid $15 membership fee, which entitled them to a credit rating book. Now, however, there is a feeling that the organization should be continued with all tradespeople admitted, regardless of whether they buy the book or not. An amendment to the by-laws allowing manufacturers, wholesalers, real estate men, draymen and other business people to be admitted upon payment of $5 and the monthly dues, is to be made at the next meeting in two weeks.

The idea is to make it an organization for civic betterment devoting time and energy to the boosting of Connellsville. President F. T. Evans expressed the feeling of the members in stating that now is the critical period in Connellsville's existence, when it is decided whether she is to boom or die.

Various members expressed the belief that the public misunderstood the object of the organization and urged that a campaign of education to dispel this misunderstanding should be waged.

Among the future projects of the association are a big outing this summer and a trade exposition later on in the year. The picnic will likely take the form of a railroad trip to some distant point and the day will be made a holiday by suspending all business. The trades exposition has not been definitely decided on, but will be discussed at future meetings.

A number of slogans were submitted at last night's meeting but the committee named to examine them reported that they did not carry out the idea of a city motto, but were largely confined to the merchandising end. It was therefore decided to hold the contest open until the next meeting and request that more slogans be submitted. The prize of $5 for the best one is still waiting to be won. The slogan is to go on all stationery of the association and on printed matter sent out by individuals, hence something that typified the spirit of the city rather than that of the merchants is desired.

A committee on trading stamps reported back and said it was in the agreement to do away with stamps in the future. One, he, it was said, had so far refused to sign.

The secretary reported having taken up the matter of pushing several trading stamp bills now pending in the Legislature with Representative H. H. Horton and found him favorable to the passage of them. Members were urged to write to other legislators from this district asking them to support the measures, which, if passed, will eliminate trading stamps from the state. Trading stamps, one merchant who used them extensively said, are nothing but a kind of advertising the results of which are only to encourage the mania for "collecting things," which evinces itself more strongly in women. The reason the money spent by merchants for trading stamps could not be given in discounts he said, was because the women would not enjoy collecting premiums as much as they do stamps. Even merchants' wives, it was stated, are not immune from this collection fever.

A committee appointed to investigate the cost and advisability of getting out a merchants' catalog, reported unfavorably to the plan at this time. A proposition of the National Review, an organ printed in Chicago, to combat the mail order evil, was read. This firm proposes to have the merchants bear the expense of circulating the magazines throughout this section, sending copies monthly to persons known to deal with the mail order houses. The secretary was directed to get figures on the cost and also to write to Donora, where the magazine has been tried out. Incident to this, a member reported that the postoffice had been flooded yesterday with several tons of mail order catalogs.

J. T. Johnston reported having considered a number of places for the proposed hitching post for farmers' wagons. He thought that if council would agree to keep the lots clean, the one objection to this plan could be removed. The Frisbee lot on East Main street, which would be close to the center of town, and large enough to accommodate many teams, was considered the best location. Other lots suggested were the Atkinson lot further up the East Main street hill, the Frisbee lots on Apple street and on Peach street, and the F. T. Adams lots.

TEACHERS GET INCREASE.

Five Dollars a Month Added to Bullskin Educators' Salaries.

Salaries of Bullskin township school teachers were increased $5 a month each at a meeting of the board on Tuesday night. W. E. Miller was elected supervising principal at a salary of $85 a month.

This was Bullskin's first year under a supervising principal and the results were very satisfactory. The board decided to erect two new school rooms, one at Cross Roads and the other at the Mud School house.

Marry in Cumberland.

Miss Pearl Stull of Friedens, William Walter Pile of Somerset; Miss Laurentia Bradley of Dunbar, William Landman of Mount Braddock; Miss Alice Estelle Coward and John Lewis Jerrell, both of Masontown, were married in Cumberland yesterday.

BOOSTS AUTO FEES

State Plans to Raise Road Money Through Higher Licenses.

HARRISBURG, April 9.—A bill increasing automobile registration fees a full 100 per cent and alleged to have the backing of the state administration was offered in the Assembly yesterday by Representative Lipschultz, a Vare lieutenant from Philadelphia. The measure is said to be one of the governor's plans for the raising of additional revenues for the enlargement and maintenance of the state's highways. The bill provides that:

The fee for registration of a motor cycle shall be $6. The fee for the registration of motor vehicles equipped with pneumatic tires, except motor cycles, and as provided for in the dealers' class when registration is issued prior to July of any year, shall be $10 for each motor vehicle of less than 20-horsepower; $20 for each motor vehicle of less than 35-horsepower; $30 for each motor vehicle of 35 and less than 50-horsepower; $40 for each motor vehicle of 50-horsepower or more.

The fee for the registration of motor vehicles equipped with solid tires other than traction engines, shall be $20 for each motor vehicle of 1,000 and less than 5,000 pounds; $30 for each motor vehicle of 5,000 and less than 10,000 pounds, 10 for each motor vehicle of 10,000 and less than 15,000 pounds; $50 for each motor vehicle of 15,000 and not more than 21,000 pounds.

The fees for registration of vehicles trailing after or propelled by motor vehicles shall be $6 for each such vehicle of less than 10,000 pounds, and $10 for each such vehicle of more than 10,000 and less than 21,000 pounds.

The fee for the registration of traction engines equipped with metal wheels shall be $20 up to and including 20,000 pounds and $10 over 20,000 pounds and not exceeding 26,000 pounds.

WILL HAVE FULL TERM

Directors Deny They Contemplate Curtailing Work this Year.

School authorities and members of the school board deny the report that has spread through the city to the effect that the term would be brought to a close at the end of next month because of lack of funds. Where the rumor started is a mystery, but it got out with marvelous rapidity and telephones have been besieged with inquiries as to the truth of it. Some of them have helped the thing along by smiling and looking wise, thus conveying the impression to mind that are eager to believe it, that there is truth to the story. Nothing more absurd could be fabricated, directors state.

The seventh month of school closed today and checks for the teachers' salaries were ready for distribution, funds sufficient to take the board over the period of financial stringency having been negotiated. Two more months of school will complete the term.

Even if the board should have decided to curtail the school term it would be necessary to have an eight months term to maintain its standing as a third class district.

CHRISTOPHER GETS OUT

Man Implicated in Suicide of Dr. Dull Out to Start Anew.

William F. Christopher, who has been in jail at Morgantown on charges brought to light by the suicide of Sue Kisner of South Connellsville, was released Thursday, through the influence of friends in that city.

Christopher, his friend declare, was the victim of circumstances. He left at once for Oakland, Md., to recover from the effects of his confinement, after which, he says, he will begin life anew.

Christopher was arrested in December, 1912, after Sue Kisner of South Connellsville had taken poison, ending her life. Christopher is alleged to have married her, while he had a wife in another town. While being taken to Morgantown he attempted to commit suicide, but was revived at a hospital in Fairmont.

Christopher's release was secured through the efforts of Rev. Pierce N. McDonald, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church at Morgantown, and M. C. Lough of Fairmont. The court waived fines amounting to $1,000 and released the prisoner on payment of $75 costs.

WILL INCORPORATE

West Side Noodle Factory Plans to Expand Plant.

The noodle and spaghetti factory which has been in operation at 113 North Fourth street, West Side, for some time past, has decided to expand and an application for a charter will be made to the governor on April 29 by Attorney J. Kirk Renner. Thomas Baldacci is president and general manager of the firm, Ottavio Ottaviani is treasurer, and Gaudenzio Massioni is secretary.

The firm manufacturers a line of noodles, spaghetti and macaroni and business has been so good since it began operations, that expansion has become necessary.

LODGE INSTITUTED.

Rebekahs Start at Ohiopyle With Membership of 46.

A Rebekah lodge was instituted at Ohiopyle Thursday evening by Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald of Pittsburg, with a charter membership of 46 members. Mrs. McDonald is vice president of the assembly of the Rebekah lodge of the Pittsburg district. She was assisted by past noble grands of the Madeline Rebekah lodge, No. 113, of Uniontown.

The new lodge will be known as Elmira Lodge No. 179 and an effort will be made to have it one of the most thriving lodges in the district.

THREE DEATHS AT HOME.

Inmates of County Institution Die Within Two Days.

Since Wednesday morning death claimed one patient at the county home and two at the county tuberculosis hospital, near Uniontown. Mrs. Helen Venerli, 29 years old, of Star Junction, died following a lingering illness of tuberculosis. She was a widow and is survived by one child.

Charles Anderson, 35 years old and colored, died of a similar illness. He was admitted from Uniontown.

Steve Sabo of South Brownsville, 28 years old, died at the county home of organic heart trouble.

ANNIVERSARY OF LEE'S SURRENDER CELEBRATED HERE

William F. Kurtz Post Observes 50th Anniversary of Event.

SPEECHES MADE BY VETERANS

Comrade J. R. Balsley Acts as Toastmaster; 26 Old Soldiers Attend and Ladies Circle Assists; The Public Supper is Largely Attended.

William F. Kurtz Post, No. 104, Grand Army of the Republic, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of General Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox with a supper and speeches at the new Odd Fellows' Temple Friday. Many of the old comrades were unable to attend, but 26 found their way to the tables, although it was necessary for some to leave before the speaking was concluded.

J. R. Balsley acted as toastmaster and before the talking commenced he warned the veterans against making Brewer or Billy Sunday speeches, and if he found it necessary he would drop a hint when too much time was being taken up.

Ladies' Circle No. 100 served supper to the veterans at 7 o'clock and after everyone had finished they adjourned to another room. At the public supper over 100 tickets were sold. Most of these persons also attended the special services. Mrs. Mary Pierson was in charge of the kitchen and Mrs. David Richey headed those serving the comrades' table. There were five other tables. Spring flowers, sweet peas and carnations were used in the decorations. The veterans and their friends were received by Mrs. F. O. Goodwin, president of the circle.

The first reading on the program was by Clark Collins, who gave a talk on "Orders from Headquarters." He was followed by Lloyd Johnston who gave some "Pertinent Remarks." James T. Bannard spoke on "Condensed Civil War History." He had prepared a lot of statistics, having sent to Washington for them. He gave the number of deaths from disease, wounds, the number dying in prison and the number killed in battles. His table showing the number that turned out from each state were also very interesting.

Dora Bell not understand why he had been chosen to talk about prisons. He said that they were never on the army. He changed his subject and told of the conditions at Appomattox on the day of the surrender, and how the Northern and Southern boys became friends in a few minutes. H. H. Yarnell told about scarring the Johnnies, but he admitted that it was hard to get them running, as they fell as much like scaring the Yanks as the boys in blue did about trying to get after them.

Clark Collins gave a story of the siege of Petersburg and the approach of Sheridan. Dawson said he was still on the job. Henry Kurtz recited a couple pertaining to the war. J. Z. Pritchard spoke on "The Old Army Musket." John E. Jones told of an experience while he was on the staff of a cavalry major. William H. Shaw spoke briefly.

Cyrus Strickler spoke on "Crackers and Fat Pork" and concluded by thanking the Ladies' Circle for what they had done to help the veterans. J. W. Wolfe talked on "In Camp." A. S. Holbrook spoke on "Refreshments." He said he did not understand why such a subject had been picked, as there was seldom anything like refreshments in the army. David Richey spoke of the good he thought the Ladies' Circle was doing. F. M. Cunningham of Ohiopyle, said he thought the veterans ought to take their sons and grandsons to see the historic sights so that they where great men fell so that the fire of patriotism would be kindled in their youth.

Lloyd Shaw announced a meeting that is to be held in the Carnegie Free Library next Friday at 8 o'clock P. M. to try to form a Sons of Veterans Order. He asked that the old comrades send their boys around.

Mrs. F. O. Goodwin, president of the Ladies' Circle, addressed the veterans and told how the circle was expanding one also of the pleasure it gave them to aid the old veterans. George W. Grover of Cameron county, gave a little talk on the last battle between Lee and Grant. F. E. Younkin also spoke.

Toastmaster Balsley announced that the old comrades would meet at the City Hall the Sunday before Decoration Day and attend the memorial sermon at the Methodist Protestant Church as a body.

A vote of thanks was given the Ladies' Circle. J. J. Barnhart proposed that preparations for the celebration of Appomattox Day fifty years from now, be started and he was named a committee to take care of that celebration.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by F. M. Cunningham chaplain of the post.

GOING AFTER COUNTY TAX

Commissioners Sending Out the Duplicates for 1915 Collections.

Fifteen county tax collectors have received their 1915 duplicates for collection. The largest towns are taken first, when the commissioners' clerks begin their compilation. Connellsville valuations as given out yesterday follow:

First ward, $1,205,656; Second ward, $659,311; Third ward, $879,475; Sixth ward, $389,895; Seventh ward, $50,135.

H. C. Norton will not be the county tax collector here for this duplicate. He has resumed active work in the First National Bank and by failing to file bond within the prescribed time limit, he forfeits his right to make the county collections. So far no collector has been named.

Dr. Bowie Seriously Ill.

Dr. A. P. Bowie, one of the oldest physicians in Uniontown, is seriously ill in the Homeopathic Hospital, at Pittsburg, suffering from a nervous breakdown.

AUTO FUNERAL

Unusual Services Are Held For Garage Machinist at Dawson.

An automobile funeral was held Friday afternoon for Clarence Landenberger Stickel, who died from burns suffered in an accident at the Connellsville garage. Short services were held from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Stickel in Lower Tyrone township, after which the body was removed by Funeral Director W. H. Parkhill to the Bryan Church for services. From 15 to 20 automobiles were in the funeral cortege. It was the largest funeral held in that section in recent years. Every seat was occupied and many persons remained standing during the services. A delegation of about twenty-five friends of the deceased from this city attended. Rev. C. C. Buckner, of the Christian Church, Rev. H. A. Baum, of the Cochran Memorial Methodist Church at Dawson and Rev. Ralph Bell of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Vanderbilt, officiated. Rev. Buckner delivered the sermon.

A quartet composed of Mrs. H. J. Bell, Mrs. H. A. Baum, C. C. Crouse and Arleigh Arison of Dawson, rendered appropriate selections, including "Some Time We Shall Understand," "The Isle of Somewhere" and "When We Meet Beyond the River." The floral tributes were numerous and handsome. The pallbearers were J. L. Evans, Edward Gallagher, V. J. Clark, William Sierps, James Swinker and John Deaver. Interment in Dryson cemetery.

VETERAN SLEEPS AWAY

Succumbs at Mount Pleasant to Long and Unusual Malady.

MOUNT PLEASANT, April 10.—After sleeping almost constantly for over a week, during which it was impossible to rouse him to take nourishment, David R. Berg, 81 years old, passed away during the night at the home of Mrs. Mary Stertz. He had been ill for 14 months, the last five weeks of which he spent in sleep. For a month it was possible to arouse him sufficiently to take his meals regularly, but for the last week his slumbers were so deep that there was no awakening.

Mr. Berg's malady puzzled the physicians. There was apparently nothing the matter with him, physically.

Funeral services will be held tonight and tomorrow the body will be taken to Hopewell cemetery, near Dawstown, for interment. Robert Warden Post G. A. R., of which deceased was a member, will have charge. The following children survive: Robert, Mount Pleasant; Adam, of Laurelville; Jacob, of Scottdale; William, of Dixon Ill.; Mrs. Peter Donnell, of New Kensington; and Mrs. Mary Stertz, of Mount Pleasant, with whom he made his home.

BUSINESS BETTER.

Bankers of Country Report Improved Conditions Everywhere.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Business conditions throughout the country are showing marked improvement in almost all lines, according to reports from national bank examiners made public last night by the Treasury Department. Eighty of the 90 examiners in the United States reported a permanent improvement in business, and Maine is said to be the only state where real depression exists.

These reports are announced to be the result of careful observation and supplements to the regular reports on business conditions made each month to the comptroller of the currency.

WILL IS PROBATED.

Mount Pleasant Man Leaves Estate to Widow and Daughters.

In the will of Frank Sidehammer, late of Mount Pleasant, filed Thursday in Greensburg, the property in Mount Pleasant and a beneficial certificate are to be turned into cash and deposited in a bank. Of this amount, $500 is to be invested for each of his two daughters, and paid to them when they become of age.

The remainder is to be paid in monthly installments to his widow, in case she remarries the payment is to stop, and the amount left divided equally among the children.

THE UNIVERSAL TIPPLE

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene by Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., LL. D., Commissioner of Health.

Coffee and tea are the two beverages used almost universally by the adult population throughout the civilized and semi-civilized world.

It is impossible to say how many tens of millions of dollars are expended upon them annually. Although their use has steadily increased they might be discontinued by the multitudes who have formed the habit without the loss of any benefit and in the majority of cases abstinence would result in distinct physical gain.

Neither coffee or tea are to be considered foods. Both are stimulants and it is this which is responsible for their popularity. As with all other stimulants there is a continued tendency to over indulgence because a moderate allowance after a time fails to give the necessary excitement to the nervous system.

While the mind is often stimulated to good work for a short time by coffee or tea, the stimulus which they give is transitory for there is a period of depression following the use of all stimulants. Experiments have shown that over indulgence in both have a tendency in the long run to dull the working of the mind.

A moderate use may not be followed by any noticeable ill effect but nervousness and disturbances of the digestive system is almost certain to follow the excessive use of either. Tea has an astringent action which is often harmful.

Any value which might follow from the use of a warm beverage with meals where the majority of the food is below the body temperature is probably offset by this action. Hot water or the "cambric tea" (hot water, whole milk and sugar) of our childhood days is far better.

Many people rely upon coffee and tea almost entirely as beverages and fail to drink the proper quantity of pure water.

LACK OF FUNDS IS BIG OBSTACLE IN GOOD ROADS FIGHT

Township Supervisors Tell Auto Club They are Handicapped.

BETTER HIGHWAYS FAVORED

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad is Petitioned to Remove Piers on Leisenring Road; Delegates Named to the State Convention of Autoists.

Lack of funds is hampering the township supervisors in their efforts to bring about road repairs and permanent improvements, according to reports submitted by committees of the Connellsville Auto Club at its smoker in the Royal Hotel Thursday.

J. E. Angle, reporting on a meeting with the Bullskin supervisors, stated that the latter want to go ahead with improvements to the road from Dellwiler's mill to Laurelville, where the Somerset Pike is reached, affording the best route to Ligonier and to Somerset. The township, however, is in debt and the state owes it $4,000. It was reported by members that Westmoreland county has decided that its first road work this year will be on the Somerset pike.

A. S. Silcox, of the committee named to interview Connellsville township supervisors regarding improvements to the road from Davidson to Broad Ford, stated that the plan to improve the road permanently is favored but the township has no funds to finance the proposition. Lloyd Stillwagon and Irwin Leichliter, supervisors, were present at the meeting. Mr. Stillwagon said that the township had spent $4,000 last year for repairs to dirt roads. He expressed himself in favor of a permanent road from Davidson to Broad Ford. Nathaniel King, of Upper Tyrone township, expressed himself in favor of permanent roads through his jurisdiction to afford a good route to Scottdale, but stated that the financing of them was a serious proposition. He said the township road duplicate is $6,000; there is a debt of $8,000 outstanding and a suit pending for $2,500 damages. Upper Tyrone has no permanent roads.

A resolution was adopted favoring the including of the present route between Connellsville and Mount Pleasant in the Sproul plan. This was surveyed but through some oversight was never included in the Sproul plan. Representative Horton, a member of the road committee, will be asked to take the matter up. Scottdale favors the route by way of Everson, but the Sproul route is intended to be the shortest route between county seats.

John Duggan reported having had a conference with O. L. Eaton, superintendent of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, regarding the removal of piers which are alleged to block the road there. The club's wishes, he said, had been put in writing, and forwarded to Baltimore, after which officials came on and viewed the location. It was the sentiment of the club that if the railroad does not make a move to remove the piers, the district attorney should be backed up in his legal efforts to compel it to do so.

The club decided to stand back of Ira J. Moon in his effort to have a fine of $18.66 remitted by the city of McKeesport, this sum having been collected of him March 21, because of an alleged violation of the speed limit of 18 miles an hour. The secretary was directed to appeal the case to the Pennsylvania Motor Federation.

C. B. Franks and R. K. Long were elected delegates to the convention of the Pennsylvania Motor Federation at Reading on April 17. A. S. Silcox and R. C. Beerbower were chosen alternates.

Members present last night contributed $10 for flowers for Clarence Stickel, the machinist, who died yesterday from burns suffered at the Connellsville Garage.

The membership committee reported that 120 were now enrolled and it was expected that 140 would be on the list today.

A vote of thanks was extended to A. D. Sisson for the use of the hotel parlor as a meeting place.

WINS $5 PRIZE

West Side Grocer Rewarded for His Splendid Window Display.

H. L. Piersol, a West Side grocer has received a check for $5 from the Laurel Flour Company, the amount being first prize in the window trimming contest that the flour company holds each month.

Competitors all over the United States send the pictures of their windows to the company and this month Mr. Piersol captured the prize. He used natural laurel that was gathered from the mountains near here and it gave a very attractive effect when scattered about the sacks of flour.

Just a year ago this month Mr. Piersol took first prize in the same kind of a contest and he has not sent in a photograph since then, but his last one brought the check.

MAKES A RECORD

Pennsville Boy Hasn't Missed School in Five Terms.

Attending school for five terms, without missing a day is the record made by Joe Donald Lenhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Lenhart, of Pennsville. Joe rounded out his fifth term last Wednesday at Pennsville.

He will be 12 years old on June 1, and is a pupil of the seventh grade, room No. 2. For two terms he attended school at Connellsville, being present every day, and the past three terms he was a pupil of the Pennsville schools.

Drops Dead in Street Car.

John Lewis, colored, of Brownsville, dropped dead yesterday afternoon on a West Penn street car. He was on his way to the county home when he was stricken.

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WESTERN MARYLAND GETS RIGHT TO USE THE B. & O. TRACKS

Traffic Agreement Affecting Huge Tonnage is Consummated.

AFFECTS THREE COAL FIELDS

At Comparatively Little Outlay for New Construction the New Road Will Get Tonnage from Fairmont, Somerset and Cumberland Districts.

NEW YORK, April 9.—An important trackage agreement has been concluded between the Baltimore & Ohio and the Western Maryland, whereby the latter will have access, with comparatively little construction, to two coal fields off its present lines and will patricipate in the traffic from a third. This agreement is a sequel to the purchase by John D. Rockefeller of a controlling interest in the Consolidation Coal Company. He already owned control of the Western Maryland.

In the Somerset region of Pennsylvania the Western Maryland will construct a short stretch of line extending from a point in Somerset to a point in Westmoreland county, touching properties of the Consolidation Coal Company on which new mines are to be opened up. To reach this new track the Western Maryland, under the agreement referred to, will use about 20 miles of Baltimore & Ohio track.

In the Fairmont region of West Virginia the Western Maryland will again construct a small mileage of its own track, in the nature of a mine branch, to serve intended new workings of the Consolidated Coal Company. To reach this the Western Maryland will use the Baltimore & Ohio tracks for about 70 miles, and from its own western terminus at Connellsville, to Fairmont, W. Va.

In the Cumberland region of Maryland the Consolidation Coal Company owns the Cumberland & Pennsylvania railroad, 57 miles, which brings out approximately 1,500,000 tons of coal annually. This coal has heretofore been turned over to the Baltimore & Ohio, but with the acquisition of an important interest in the coal company by the owner of the Western Maryland, the latter found itself in a position to demand and obtain a division of this traffic.

These are the three sources of coal traffic affected by the agreement. In respect only to the last mentioned it is believed that the tonnage of the Baltimore & Ohio will be materially reduced. The extent to which its revenues will be affected has been authoritatively estimated at $700,000 or $800,000 annually.

The advantage to the Western Maryland, in addition to a share in the tonnage of the Cumberland & Pennsylvania Railroad, will be found in its access to new coal fields and the opportunity to serve, exclusively, the new workings of the Consolidation Coal Company. It will be able to do this with a much smaller outlay of capital than would have been required if it had built its own lines through to the Somerset and Fairmont fields.

While the Western Maryland will be saved an expenditure of possibly $8,000,000 to $10,000,000, the Baltimore & Ohio will benefit to the extent of the rental which, under the terms of the agreement, the Western Maryland will pay for the use of the tracks.

PENSION RULES CHANGE

Steel Corporation Increases Age Limit for Voluntary Retirement.

Changes of an important character have been promulgated by the United States Steel Corporation and the H. C. Frick Coke Company, in the rules governing the Voluntary Pension Fund, established a few years ago.

The minimum period of service has been raised from 20 years to 25, and the age for voluntary retirement has been changed from 60 years to 65. The compulsory retirement age remains at 70 years.

The most striking changes are those relating to contingencies which may operate to cause an employe to lose his standing. Thus, should he leave the corporation's employ for more than six months, he becomes a new employe in case he should reenter the service of the corporation, while a discharge operates in the same way.

There are other minor contingencies, all of which, in addition to those mentioned, have been made to seem advisable by the manner in which the system has worked since the fund was created, the corporation states.

DUMPER NEARLY READY

C. H. & D. Will Soon Handle Lake Coal Shipments.

Receivers Judson Harmon and Rufus B. Smith of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, on taking charge of that property found the coal car dumping machine at Toledo was worn out and would have to be renewed, and authorized the building of a new modern machine at a cost of $36,000. Contractors report this machine will be ready for service April 15. This is the first time a machine as large as this, with necessary extensions to the docks, has been constructed during winter weather, that is between the closing and opening of navigation on the Great Lakes.

This machine will pick up bodily a 75-ton car loaded with coal and dump the entire cargo into a vessel, returning the car to its tracks, and will handle cars of this size at the rate of 40 per hour. Coal shipments handled in Toledo last year by the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton amounted to more than 2,000,000 for lake shipment to the Northwest.

Lots of Development Work.

Twenty coal companies are planning new developments in Raleigh county, West Virginia.

American Railroads; The Illinois Central

By GEORGE FITCH,

Author of "At Good Old Siwash."

When an American railroad starts out on its travels, there is no telling where it will end. The Illinois Central was built under the auspices of the State of Illinois in the opaque past, to enable the people of Galena and Freeport to shake hands with the citizens of Cairo. Long ago, however, it escaped from Illinois and wandered over the south to such an extent that it now furnishes most of the transportation in Mississippi and is the main route between Chicago and New Orleans.

When the Illinois Central was first built, it formed a backbone for the state, running from Freeport to Cairo.

Will electrify its Chicago terminals about 1987 A. D.

However, Chicago, which grew up afterward, disturbed the center of circulation so seriously that the Chicago branch of the road is now its greatest property. It is double-tracked from Chicago to New Orleans and has 4,800 miles of road, including a line to Omaha. It also exercises a paternal supervision over the Yazoo Valley system, a competing line in Mississippi which it owns. Competing for business with one's self under another name is one of the pleasantest forms of amusement ever devised.

When the Illinois Central was built it received much aid from the State of Illinois, in return for which it has to pay the state a percentage of its earnings and allow the governor to sit on its board of directors. One of the favorite legal diversions of the State of Illinois is suing the Illinois Central for profits. It now looks as if the question of what constitutes the said profits will be settled by the year 2000, unless the legal and judicial forces of the U. S. A. blow up under the strain of trying to interpret a railroad's bookkeeping.

The Illinois Central squatted on the lake front in Chicago many years ago and thereby got into another quarrel with the city of Chicago. The latter is smarter than the State of Illinois. It settled the question itself by moving the lake front away from the railroad. The Illinois Central built the first elevated track in Chicago and made so much money hauling visitors to the World's Fair in 1893 that it hasn't been able to spend all of it since. It does the greatest suburban business in the west and will electrify its Chicago terminals about 1987 A. D.

The Illinois Central has always paid good dividends, and during the last year it managed to earn $65,000,000 and pile up a surplus of $2,000,000 after paying 5 per cent on $110,000,000 capital. It is very hard for a stockholder of the Illinois Central to get mad at Theodore Roosevelt for building the Panama Canal.

TRY AMERICAN MATCH WOOD

Supply of Russian Aspen Stopped by War, Brazil Turns to U. S.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—American manufacturers of match wood may find a market for their product in Brazil, if a sample shipment now being arranged by the United States Forest Service proves suitable to the Brazilian match manufacturers, whose ordinary supply of Russian aspen has been cut off by the European war.

As it is regarded as an excellent opportunity for the introduction of North American forest products into South America the Forest Service is trying to enlist the co-operation of private lumber concerns who are reaching out for export business.

The Brazilian match factories, according to a cablegram from a traveling agent of the Department of Commerce, have been using annually about 7,000,000 feet of Russian aspen, and have been forced by the war to seek a substitute.

TO FIRE SECOND STACK

Dunbar Furnace May Be Running Full Time by First of July.

Preparations for firing the second of the American Manganese Manufacturing Company located near Dunbar, are progressing rapidly and it is stated that it will be in full operation not later than July 1. Bricks for lining the furnace are being contracted for, everything is being cleared up around the yards and the work of relining will be started as soon as the materials can be gotten on the ground.

One furnace has been in blast for somewhat over four months, giving employment to some 300 men. With the opening of the second furnace, this number will be increased to 500 and with both the Freeport mines of the company in operation, nearly 800 will be required. Besides, about 75 will be employed in the work of relining the furnace.

WAGE SCALE APPROVED

New River Miners Ratify Agreement With the Operators.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 6.—Announcement was made at district headquarters of the United Mine Workers today that mines of the New River coal field had ratified by a referendum vote the contract recently made by the officers with the employing companies.

The scale which will be in force until March 31, 1919, provides for the existing rate for mining with increases from time to time as increases are made in the central competitive field of Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Western Pennsylvania. All disputes are to be settled by arbitration. The agreement affects 17,000 men.

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If Papers Are Granted Local Capital May be Induced to Manufacture the Apparatus; Simplicity and Low Cost Make the Proposition Attractive.

Paul E. Smith, a Connellsville machinist, has applied for a patent on a doorbell device which he and his friends believe will develop into a rather profitable proposition. Its simplicity and modest cost is of a nature to make an appeal to every householder. The invention is an audible and visible doorbell which registers immediately whether the occupant of the dwelling is at home or away.

The device is simple. It has the appearance of an ordinary doorbell. The push button is in the center. Above and below are small panels of ground glass. On one appears the word "In" and on the other, "Out." When one pushes the button, the lamp back of one or the other panels flashes, informing the caller immediately whether he may expect a ride to bite all.

The apparatus is simple and is operated in the same manner as the ordinary electric doorbell, either by dry batteries or by a transformer such as have been installed in many homes. Inside the house is a switch, conveniently located, so that the occupant may set the doorbell to indicate either the "In" or "Out" signal.

If letters patent are granted, and it is believed that Smith has struck something decidedly original, there is a probability that local capital may be interested in the manufacture of the device. Although Mr. Smith has not gone closely into the manufacturing details, he believes that his device may be installed for not more than a dollar over and above the cost of installing an ordinary electric doorbell.

The convenience of the device is striking. Virtually everyone has experienced the annoyance of pushing a doorbell and waiting many minutes uncertain as to whether the party wanted was at home and could not hear the bell ring or had gone out for the afternoon. Then, too, how many housewives have an afternoon nap disturbed because of unwelcome visitors. With Smith's device she could set the switch to indicate nobody home, and be assured that the bell would ring not more than once for each caller.

Among professional men the doorbell would make a special appeal and already a physician has interested himself in the invention to the extent of assisting the inventor in his preliminary work.

APPEAL PERMITTED IN PITTSBURG-BUFFALO CASE

Receiver Wins Point in Effort to Prevent Sacrifice of Valuable Coal Properties.

Important action was taken in the United States Court Saturday in the litigation between the Union Trust Company and John H. Jones, as a receiver for the Pittsburg-Buffalo Company. This decision, which involves two mortgages aggregating $5,000,000 on coal lands of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Company valued at more than $11,000,000, was a victory for Mr. Jones, as it allowed his appeal of the case to the State Supreme Court immediately after the handing down of the opinion by Judge W. H. S. Thomson the appeal was filed.

In this case Mr. Jones, as a receiver for the Pittsburg-Buffalo Company has been represented by Attorneys Meldrum & Murphy, and S. S. Robertson. The receivers for the company in addition to Mr. Jones are F. R. Babcock and John W. Alles.

The history of the case is that John H. Jones, as a receiver, filed an answer to the bill of the Union Trust Company in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny county, where the trust company sought to foreclose on the Pittsburg-Buffalo Company's mortgage, the answer stating that the money was to be used in the formation of another coal company in West Virginia and that the mortgage was in contravention of the constitution of Pennsylvania. Judge Thomson J. Ford in the Court of Common Pleas held that, because the money raised by the mortgage was deposited in the Pittsburg-Buffalo Company in their general bank account and could not be traced and identified dollar for dollar as the same money paid into the Four States Coal and Coke Company of West Virginia, the mortgage of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Company to the Union Trust Company was a valid mortgage.

This decision was handed down on March 26. Ten minutes later the Union Trust Company served notice that they would apply to the United States court for an injunction against Mr. Jones to prevent him from appealing from that decision.

That petition for an injunction was argued in the United States Court on last Thursday and Saturday. Judge Thomson handed down his decision, saying that, under the fact Mr. Jones had the right and it was his duty to take an appeal from the decision of Judge Ford. Immediately on the handing down of this decision the appeal to the State Supreme Court from the opinion of Judge Ford was filed.

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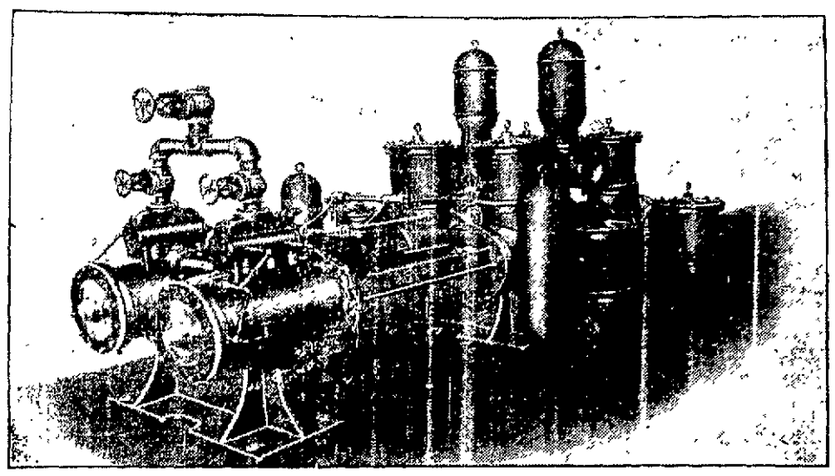

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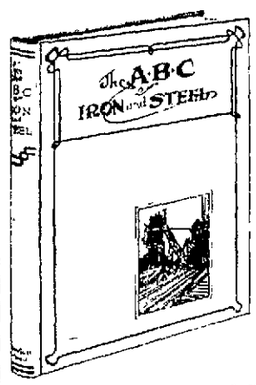

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